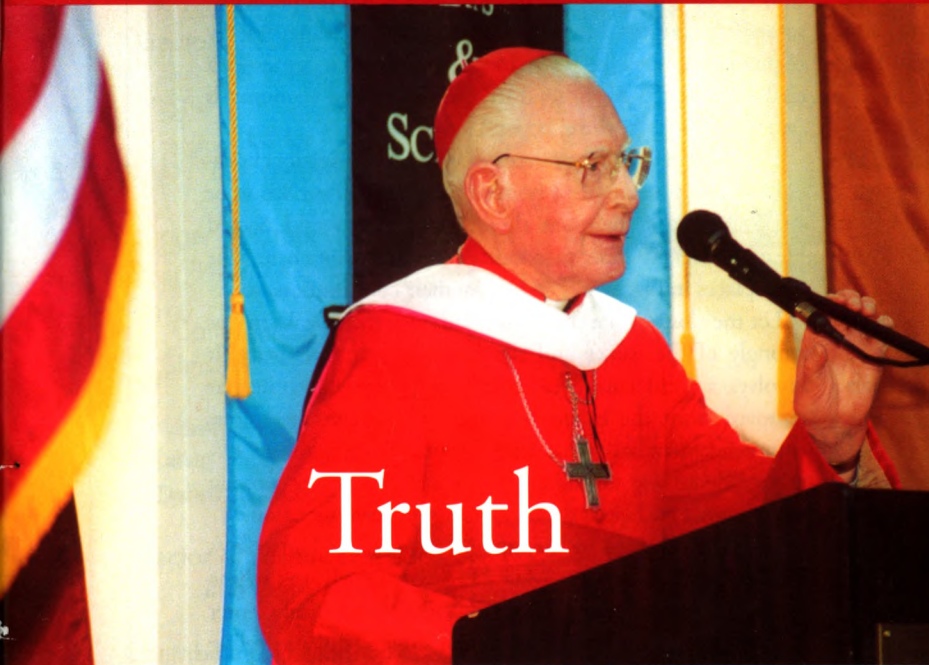
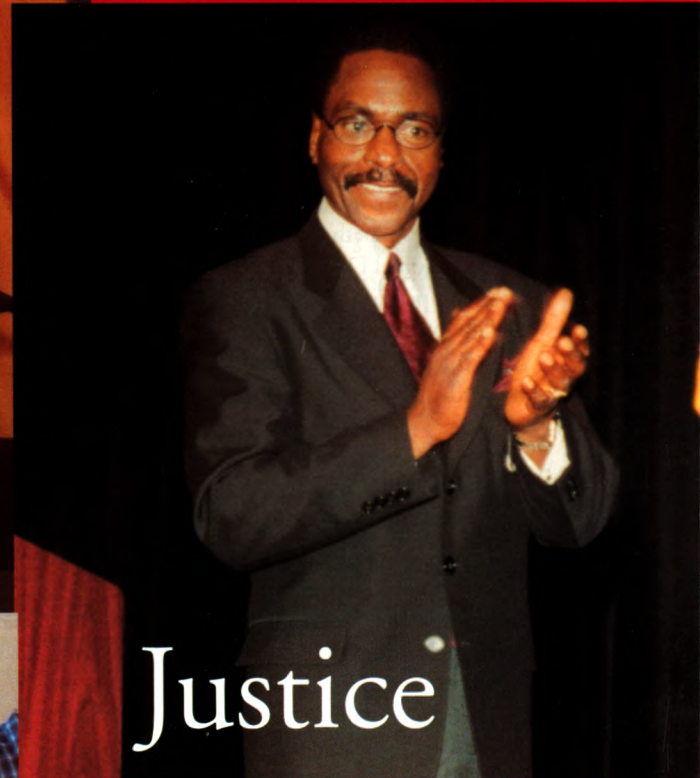


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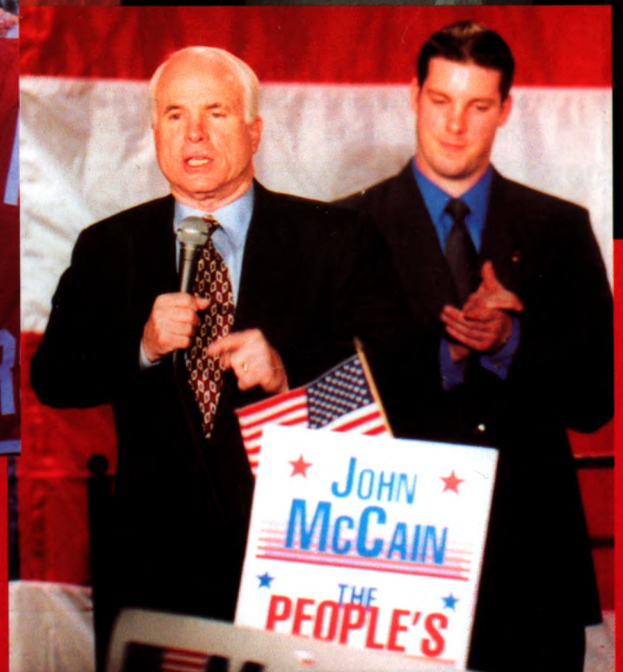
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Notable visitors and Commencements of note



Dear friends,

The last semester of the old century and the first of the new held many challenges for us at Sacred Heart University, and many satisfactions as well. This issue of your Magazine highlights some recent accomplishments, and we're proud to share them with you.

In a few short months, the University welcomed such prominent guests as Senator John McCain, Elizabeth Dole, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and Cahal Cardinal Daly. Our first official year in Division I athletic competition showed why we belong there, and The Gallery of Contemporary Art continued to attract art lovers from throughout the region. You'll also find engaging profiles of students, alumni and faculty members. Sacred Heart University remains a very exciting and attractive place to be.

Commencement—that time both of endings and beginnings—is always a special event for the University. Rather than another rung up the ladder, it's more like a landing on a staircase: a place to pause and catch your breath, to consider where you've been and where you're headed. Our Commencement ceremonies at the close of this academic year were meaningful and moving in all the usual ways, and in several exceptional ways as well. I'd like to share just a few highlights with you.

The keynote speaker at the University's 34th annual graduation exercises was truly extraordinary and an inspiration to all who were privileged to hear her. Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison is an acclaimed professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore and a best-selling author. She has been called a "Hero of Medicine" by *Time* magazine, and was profiled as one of America's Great Minds of Medicine by public television. But there is more to her story.

Dr. Jamison's life has been her laboratory. Assaulted by mental illness from her teenage years, she refused to give in or give up. Instead, she chose in a very public way to share her pain with others, bringing healing and hope to those who suffered as she had. The speaker's stirring message was that while life is not all wonderful, neither is it all bad, and it is, she affirmed, altogether wonderful.

Our Commencement speaker at the University's

Luxembourg campus brought entirely different experiences with him, but his message is equally appropriate for the men and women of Sacred Heart University at the dawn of the 21st century. Norbert Becker is a jet-setting businessman who speaks four languages and manages 6,500 people across scores of countries. He truly thrives on the growing synergy of peoples and cultures and nations, and even if it comes with challenges and perils of its own, the new global economy is enriching and energizing beyond belief.

His comments are a synthesis of why the University chooses to be in Europe: there is no such thing as the First World or the Third World anymore; there's only OUR world. Sacred Heart University aims to educate men and women to take their places in that world and make their contributions to it.

Let me close with a more intimate story that speaks just as strongly of the values and the vision of our University. It involves a third commencement ceremony—this time, far removed from the expected pomp and circumstance. The commencement hall was a single hospital room, and the solitary graduate was an ailing 35-year-old Bridgeport woman receiving her bachelor's degree in business administration.

Instead of dressing in her cap and gown at the University's Pitt Center that Sunday, May 21, Susan Lynch was in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. Recovering from major surgery, she was feeling bad that she would miss her big day, until a caring nurse got on the phone that morning to let us know about her situation. When Dr. Benoît N. Boyer, the dean of our College of Business, and I heard the story, we knew right away what we should do. Immediately following our on-campus undergraduate ceremony, still in our academic robes, we went to the hospital to present Mrs. Lynch and her family with her degree.

It was a graduation none of us will ever forget, and I think it speaks so powerfully of the kind of people we aim to be and the kind of community we are working to create. Sacred Heart University is determined to seek out and celebrate the best that is in each individual, and we were delighted to be a part of this special day for Mrs. Lynch—and for the 1,364 other graduates who took this important step with us.

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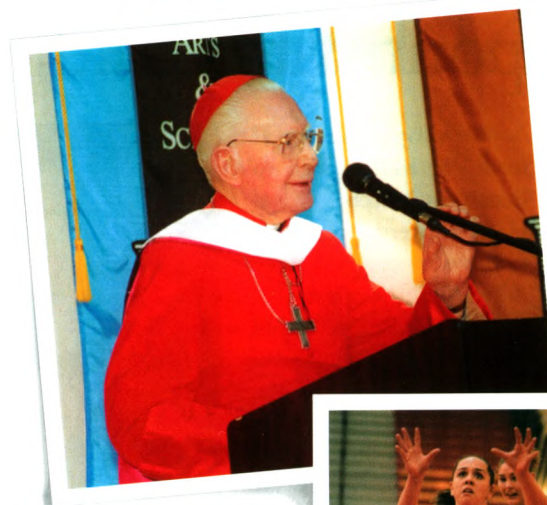
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Board Chairman succeeds Cardinal O'Connor

President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., issued the following statement following the naming of the Most Rev. Edward M. Egan, bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport and chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, as Cardinal John O'Connor's successor as archbishop of New York.

"We are proud that the chairman of Sacred Heart University's Board of Trustees has been selected to succeed Cardinal John O'Connor. Bishop Egan is a gifted intellectual and a careful thinker about the issues facing the Church and American society. He is an articulate spokesperson and one who is deeply steeped in the Catholic tradition.

"Bishop Egan has been chairman of our Board of Trustees during a period of unprecedented growth. On behalf of the entire University community, I would like to thank him for his service to the University. We were fortunate to work closely with Cardinal O'Connor on many fronts, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with Bishop Egan in this new capacity. We offer Bishop Egan our prayers and wish him well as he continues the extraordinary ministry of Cardinal O'Connor."

Bishop Egan was installed as New York's archbishop on June 19.



University, CCJU heads join pontiff for landmark visit

When Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to Israel in March, Sacred Heart University representatives were there.

President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) met with the pontiff on March 25 during his visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

On his way into the basilica, the pope viewed the Papal Forest, where thousands of trees are being planted to create a lasting tribute to the pontiff and his efforts to establish greater understanding between religious faiths.

The Papal Forest, which is being spearheaded by the CCJU and the Jewish National Fund, overlooks the basilica and borders Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. For a contribution of \$36, a tree will be planted in the forest. Proceeds from the contributions will benefit the Ratisbonne Papal Institute in Jerusalem, where Judaism is taught to Christians.

"I am proud we were able to represent Sacred Heart University on such a historic occasion," said Dr. Cernera. "The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding continues to play a critical role in fostering dialogue and greater understanding between religious faiths. As a university founded during the Second Vatican Council, whose teachings encouraged interreligious dialogue and cooperation, Sacred Heart University has a special role to play in this process."

"Peace, harmony and understanding: each is a part of the common ground shared by our religious faiths," said Rabbi Ehrenkranz. "I was honored to join with the pope to discuss the creation of the Papal Forest to commemorate his efforts and the common ground we share in trying to bring people



Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz and President Anthony J. Cernera meet with Pope John Paul II in Nazareth.

together. This pope has made an extraordinary contribution to Christian-Jewish relations throughout his pontificate."

After the service in the basilica, Dr. Cernera and Rabbi Ehrenkranz met privately with the pope. They discussed the dedication of the Papal Forest and the University's efforts to foster dialogue and greater understanding between religious faiths. "The pope was pleased that the Papal Forest is being developed," Dr. Cernera said.

As the meeting concluded, Dr. Cernera gave the pontiff a letter from his 10-year-old daughter, Anne Marie (see above). "It was a very special moment for me," Dr. Cernera said. "When I handed him the letter, his eyes lit up. I could tell that he was very interested."

Two days earlier, the pontiff addressed a gathering of Jews, Christians and Muslims in Jerusalem at the Notre Dame Pontifical Institute, a meeting co-sponsored by the University and major interreligious organizations. The pope spoke about the importance of interreligious dialogue and the prophetic role that religion plays in improving world peace.

For information about the Papal Forest, call the CCJU at (203) 365-7592. ■

David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

Bookshelf

Religion and the Common Good

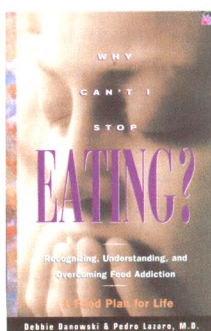
Religion and the Common Good, Brian Stiltner, Ph.D. (212 pp., Rowman & Littlefield, \$23.95)

The term "common good" has often been ill-defined or undefined, the author argues, in political, philosophical and theological discourse. Dr. Stiltner, an assistant professor of religious studies at the University, has sought to repair this deficit while focusing on the conceptions of the common good in "liberalism" and "communitarianism."

Although liberalism is understood as stressing individual rights and social tolerance, and communitarianism is seen as stressing a community's shared history and social practices, he argues that the two theories are not as irreconcilable as they may seem. "They can," he asserts, "be combined into a communal liberalism."

The volume provides an outline of 20th century Catholic common good theory as an example of such a possible synthesis, and should prove an invaluable asset to scholars of social ethics, theology, philosophy and political science.

Dr. Stiltner, who received his Ph.D. in religious ethics from Yale's Department of Religious Studies, joined the faculty and became director of the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics in 1998. C.J.S.



Why Can't I Stop Eating? Debbie Danowski '88 (292 pp., Hazelden, \$15)

Danowski, a media studies instructor at the University, and co-author Pedro Lazaro, M.D., chronicle her weight struggle and present scientific evidence supporting the theory of food addiction.

"A food addict is someone who is physically and emotionally addicted to sugar, flour and caffeine," says Danowski, who admits to being overweight most of her life and whose 5-foot-7 frame once carried 328 pounds.

Eleven years ago, she checked into an addiction treatment center in Florida where she learned to control her intake of fatty foods. Remarkably, she lost 150 pounds and has kept it off. Beyond her determination, Danowski credits Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program based on Alcoholics Anonymous. D.H.

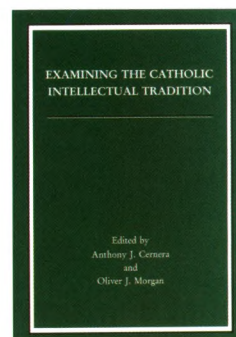
Catholic intellectual tradition scrutinized in new book

Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, a new book from Sacred Heart University Press, explores a question central to the nature of the University.

Edited by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Oliver J. Morgan, Ph.D., this collection of essays probes the meaning of the term, focusing on such topics as the ideal of the Catholic mind, the relationship between Catholicism and other faith traditions, notions of the Catholic artist and intellectual, and future directions for Catholic universities.

(On the weekend of Nov. 10-12, the University will bring together Catholic scholars and other notables for a conference, *Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, to discuss many of the book's relevant topics.)

Among the book's distinguished contributors are the Rev. Andrew Greeley, Ph.D., theologian, sociologist and best-selling novelist



with more than 15 million copies of his books in print; Louis DuPre, Ph.D., a preeminent Catholic philosopher and author and the Riggs Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Yale

University; Monika K. Hellwig, Ph.D., executive director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities; and the Rev. Gerald A. McCool, S.J., professor emeritus at Fordham University and a recognized scholar of Thomistic thought.

The volume's co-editors conclude with a thoughtful examination of characteristics, implications and directions of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Copies are \$24.95 and may be obtained by calling (203) 371-7790.

Another new book from Sacred Heart University Press, *John Davis Lodge: A Life in Three Acts*, offers a compelling look at the life of a man who was an actor, naval officer, Connecticut governor and statesman. It traces Lodge's full and active life, which bridged most of the 20th century.

The grandson of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and a lawyer by training, Lodge put aside the law and set his sights on Hollywood, acting in early talking pictures with the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Shirley Temple and Marlene Dietrich. Fluent in French, he later went on to star in films in France, England and Italy.

Following 3 1/2 years of military service during World War II, he returned home and entered Connecticut politics, winning a seat in Congress in 1946 and being elected governor in 1950. After losing his reelection bid in 1954, Lodge was appointed ambassador to Spain by President Eisenhower.

"Governor Lodge was a physically, morally and intellectually courageous man who proudly served his country," says Thomas A. DeLong, the book's award-winning author, who interviewed nearly 300 people in 11



John Lodge with Richard Nixon at JFK International Airport in New York.

years of research. "The way he handled himself and conducted his life can really be seen as a role model for many of today's politicians and diplomats."

The book (\$29.95) is available from Enfield Distribution (1-888-216-7611). ■
Jeff Kimball

Art is Zic's passion, legacy



Virginia Zic

Ordinarily, when relay runners reach the end of their course, they pass on the baton with effortless ease. It was more difficult for Virginia Zic. When she retired at the end of June, the baton she passed on was the ornate wooden mace that symbolizes the teaching authority of the school.

As the senior member of the University's faculty, she has been entitled to carry the mace in formal academic convocations since 1997. She is, in fact, the most senior instructor in the University's history.

After 35 years at the University, Zic—it rhymes with bike—is anticipating a more leisurely lifestyle and the chance to devote greater time and energy to her art. She is the first member of the faculty to celebrate 35 years on staff, and to mark that milestone, President Anthony J. Cernera presented her a commemorative plaque at the Founder's Day luncheon in March. Next to an engraved image of the educator and artist is this inscription: "A Pioneer for life." At Zic's request, the tribute is in lieu of a personal gift, and it will hang at the entrance to the Art Department.

Zic, a Chicago native, arrived on campus only two years after its establishment in 1963. A friend had told her about this new school in Connecticut that was breaking fresh ground in Catholic higher education

with lay people as its staff and administration.

The University's first art instructor, she has since touched the lives of thousands of students: at one time, all undergraduates were required to take courses in art and music. In 1977, she went on to break new ground of her own when she oversaw the creation of the Art Department and coached its fledgling few art majors.

Today, more than 90 women and men are pursuing bachelor's programs in art, with concentrations in graphic design, illustration and painting. About two-thirds of the art majors are in graphic arts, and Zic is proud of the alumni who typically step into responsible positions in such firms as advertising agencies and art design houses. "We have developed a very strong reputation for our programs, and our graduates have no difficulty landing responsible positions in the business world. Our recent student art exhibit in The Gallery of Contemporary Art is proof of the breadth and quality of our student artists," she says.

Zic has been an artist all her life, demonstrating a talent for drawing and painting even in elementary school. Although her undergraduate study at DePaul University was in philosophy, she complemented it with courses at the Art Institute of Chicago. Her first graduate program was a dream come true for a young

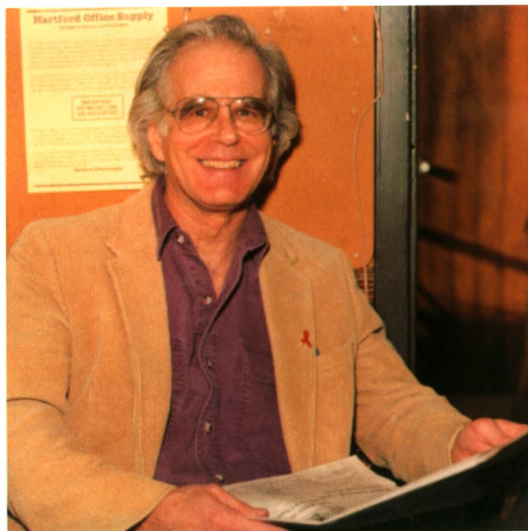
artist: she pursued advanced study abroad at the Villa Schifanoia, a Renaissance palazzo that admitted, at the time, just 30 students each year – all women. "The villa was stunning, with museum-quality furnishings and a view from my balcony of the Cathedral dome in Florence. I couldn't have imagined a more perfect spot for learning art," she says.

In anticipation of the more career-oriented direction of the Art Department, Zic returned to graduate study, earning an MFA at Syracuse in advertising design. Although she has always been an active painter, her teaching and administrative duties have, understandably, occupied a great deal of her time, so she looks forward to retirement for the more creative side to rise to the top.

"I plan to get caught up on 35 years of 'to do's,'" she admits, "and I'm hoping to do some traveling as well." Russia, Scandinavia and Salzburg come quickly to mind. "And I want to paint. I am still pursuing a series of paintings I call 'Earth Fragments.' These works explore evocative and mysterious places in the earth such as caves or rock formations. I don't paint from actuality; rather, I try to convey a feeling about a place." ■

Christopher J. Sheehan

'Teacher of teachers' bids adieu



Dr. Ralph Corrigan

Ralph Corrigan Jr., Ph.D., and Sacred Heart University have grown together across the past 33 years. His accomplishments as an English professor and author, his passion for karate, bicycling and community service, and his selflessness are an indelible part of its fabric.

In June, Dr. Corrigan retired, and now none of us will be quite the same.

"You've got to get out before they discover you don't know what you're supposed to know," he says with a broad smile. "Looking at the caliber of the new guys ... you've got to make room for them."

Both his students and his peers would disagree.

With six years of teaching under his belt and already the author of a textbook for freshman composition courses, Dr. Corrigan arrived on campus for his job interview in the spring of 1967. His book, *Themes for Study*, was on the desk of the department chair, Dr. John Rycenga. He was hired almost immediately.

In several early years on campus, Dr. Corrigan served as chair of the English Department. Two of his hires - English professor Dr. Sidney Gottlieb and Dr. Don Coonley, who developed the Media Studies program - were hits. But he found the stress almost unbearable and took a sabbatical after relinquishing the position. He much pre-

ferred interacting with students.

Two of the University's best-known alumni, comedians Kevin Nealon '75 and John Ratzenberger '92 (hon.), are among the legion of young men and women to study under Dr. Corrigan. Nealon, who rose to stardom on television's "Saturday Night Live," was part of a contingent of students to accompany Dr. Corrigan on a 700-mile bicycle trip through New England in 1974. The reward for one's endurance was six credits. "Kevin just had us in stitches the whole trip," the professor recalls. "Sometimes we laughed so hard we almost fell off our bikes."

Dr. Corrigan's recollection of Ratzenberger, the know-it-all mailman on "Cheers," is, well, different. "I flunked him," he says. "We laughed about it when he came here for the honorary doctorate."

Only one member of the Corrigan household has shared his classroom: oldest daughter Jennifer Verrilli '92. That experience eluded his wife, Judy '76, and their other children, Brenna '90 and Ralph III.

A fourth-degree black belt, Dr. Corrigan has shared his karate expertise in print. Sterling published his instructional book for children, *Karate Made Easy*, in 1995, and 5,000 copies were sold during the first four weeks. Thanks to the Internet - Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com picked it up last year - his book is enjoying a second life.

A trip to El Salvador in 1992, with the University's first delegation of faculty and students to the war-torn nation, was a catalyst for Dr. Corrigan's renewed commitment to service. He became a founder of Operation Bridgeport, a working retreat that introduces faculty and staff to the problems of the inner city. He was among the first professors to introduce Service-Learning into the curriculum. And he seems to be an indefatigable participant in Habitat for Humanity workdays and trips to area soup kitchens.

His generosity of spirit and deed has been recognized. In 1996, the state of Connecticut presented Dr. Corrigan a Higher Education Community Service Award. And in January he was among 10 finalists for a national honor, the Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning, sponsored by Campus Compact.

Dr. Gottlieb's Founder's Day tribute to his friend, in 1997, provides an apt summation of the man. It reads, in part: "His rigor and discipline are gentle and contagious, and his never-ending creative attention to the needs of mind, body and spirit make him a teacher of teachers, able to walk ahead, willing to walk behind, and utterly happy to walk alongside the many people fortunate enough to be on the road with him." ■ Don Harrison

Professors cited for outreach efforts

In their selflessness, Linda Farber, Ph.D., and Jennifer Mattei, Ph.D., entertained no thoughts about personal plaudits. But each received an award from the state of Connecticut during the past year for outstanding volunteerism.

Dr. Farber, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University, was presented a Community Service Award from the Department of Higher Education for her work with the Science Ambassadors, a group of students who provide free workshops for elementary school children. The award, which included a \$500 grant, was presented in April at the State Capitol in Hartford. This marked the seventh straight year that Sacred Heart University received one or more honors in the statewide program.

Dr. Mattei, an assistant professor of biology, was the recipient of a Greencircle Award from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in October for her efforts in the restoration of Svihra Park, a reputed "crime hotspot" in Bridgeport.

Dr. Farber, advisor to the student chapter of the American Chemical Society, launched the Science Ambassadors program in 1995-96. Her duties include training students to work with elementary school students and teachers, identifying and selecting experiments suitable for the audience, and emphasizing safety to all participants.

"Science Ambassadors is a valuable experience for everyone involved," Dr. Farber says. "To learn science at an early age



Dr. Linda Farber (left) is presented the Community Service Award by Valerie F. Lewis, interim commissioner of the Department of Higher Education.



Dr. Jennifer Mattei receives the Greencircle Award from DEP Commissioner Arthur Rocque Jr.

is very important, because people will be less afraid of it as they get older."

This year the Science Ambassadors conducted hands-on science workshops at schools in Bridgeport, Stratford and Stamford, averaging nearly four workshops at each of six locations. More than 800 people were served by the program in 1999-2000, and 4,000 overall.

Working in concert with a seventh-grade science class at Bridgeport's Read School, Dr. Mattei and her freshman honors class helped to remove three truckloads of trash, three burned-out cars and more than 150 tires from the abandoned Svihra Park. The site is adjacent to Read in the city's North End. Then they created a meadow, planted several hundred native woody seedlings, and constructed a seating area with recycled plastic.

Others assisted in the project, too, including Phyllis Machledt, the University's director of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs; police and three inmates from Bridgeport's work-release program, and staff from St. Vincent's Medical Center.

"The purpose was to get our freshman honors students and the community involved, and that's exactly what happened," Dr. Mattei says. "The elementary school teachers use the park for classes, kids play there, and it's being kept clean."

Founded in 1998, the Greencircle program recognizes positive contributions to promoting natural resource conservation and environment awareness by businesses, institutions, schools, civic organizations and individuals. ■ Don Harrison

Habitat home helps to transform Bridgeport

Several years ago, the corner of Shelton and Hallett streets in Bridgeport was a haven for drug dealers, and residents of this East End neighborhood were reluctant to leave their homes after dark. One year alone, 18 murders were committed on these mean streets.

Enter Habitat for Humanity and Sacred Heart University.

On this very corner, a coalition of students from the University's Habitat campus chapter and two Catholic churches, "The Community Builders," pooled their resources to construct a new, affordable home for a low-income family. Beginning in late summer 1999, literally hundreds of volunteers from the University community, St. Charles Church of Bridgeport and St. James Church of Stratford wielded hammers, saws and other tools at the site.

Perhaps none were more instrumental in bringing the project to fruition than the 15 students who comprise Habitat's campus chapter building committee, and their advisors, Dr. John Roney, associate professor of history, and Phyllis Machledt, director of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs.

Not only did the University community supply labor in droves, but it also contributed \$20,000 toward the cost of the home and gathered \$10,000 in in-kind gifts. The price tag for a typical Habitat home in Bridgeport is \$65,000.

On a frigid Sunday afternoon in late January, an estimated crowd of 150 filled every nook and cranny to witness the dedication of the first Habitat for Humanity home in Bridgeport constructed by a Catholic coalition.

The owner of the two-story dwelling at 755 Shelton St., Luz Burgos, termed it "a dream come true" for herself and her children, Maria, 17, Jason, 14, and Janet, 11. Burgos, a native of Puerto Rico, and her family had been living in rented quarters nearby.



The building committee of the Habitat for Humanity campus chapter, University officials and the Burgos family gather at the Jan. 23 dedication.

There was a distinct Sacred Heart University flavor to the dedication ceremonies. Dee Young '97, a social worker with the St. Vincent's Center for Behavioral Health in Bridgeport, provided a moving rendition of the song, "There is Hope in the Night." Thomas Wilson '88, a parishioner at St. James Church, read scripture. Darlene Harris, a junior from Derby, gave the opening prayer, and Angela Bowden, a junior from East Marion, N.Y., recited a poem she wrote for the occasion. And Machledt, long active in Bridgeport's Habitat circles, served as emcee.

The Rev. Gustavo Falla of St. Charles, the Burgos family's parish, made the formal dedication.

This was the fifth home constructed under the auspices of Habitat on Shelton Street and among 45 in the Park City.

In February, Machledt and Sean Otterspoor, president of the campus chapter and a senior from Trumbull, were recognized for the chapter's accomplishments at the "Hearts and Hammers Ball," a black-tie dinner sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bridgeport, held at the Inn at Longshore in Westport. ■

Don Harrison

Honoring the University's founder

Sixteen students devoted a portion of their Winter break to community service through a new Sacred Heart University initiative, CURTIS (Community Understanding and Reflection Through Inter-city Service) Week. The name honors the University's founder, the late Bishop Walter W. Curtis of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Patterned after Community Connections, the week of service for freshmen, CURTIS Week introduced the students to the issues of diversity, racism and poverty in Bridgeport. There, they painted for Habitat for Humanity, served meals at homeless shelters and tutored youngsters in elementary schools. They also attended ethnic dinners with East Side residents, a Mass in Spanish at St. Charles Church and, on Martin Luther King Day, an inter-faith service at the Mount Aery Baptist Church.

Meeting as a group each evening at the St. Charles Urban Center — where they lived for four nights — they agreed that the time was well spent and helped to eliminate some misconceptions about the inner city. "The people there are full of love and dedicated to making the world a better place," says Chris D'Amico, a sophomore from Shelton. *D.H.*



Ben Aguirre, a junior from the Bronx, N.Y., paints for Habitat.

Exceeding Expectations

Women's Basketball Steps Up to Division I, Ties for Third in Northeast Conference

By Don Harrison

The transition is complete. The women's basketball program that had endured 11 consecutive losing seasons at the Division II level prior to Ed Swanson's appointment as head coach, the program whose "media guide" once consisted of two pages tucked away in the back of the men's book, has gone big time. As in prime time. As in Division I.

And not only was Sacred Heart University's inaugural season in D-I a success, but the 1999-2000 Pioneers exceeded the expectations of even optimistic observers.

Selected to finish ninth in the pre-season poll of Northeast Conference coaches, the team tied Monmouth and Long Island University for third place, winning 11 of 18 games against conference opponents. The Pioneers were especially tough to beat in the Pitt Center (11-2) and finished 14-14 overall.

"We accomplished a lot this year. The kids really gave a good, honest effort," says Swanson '89, who was runner-up in the NEC Coach-of-the-Year balloting. "But to tell the truth, our players had high expectations; they expected to win this year. They didn't want to hear anything about growing pains."

This isn't to infer that no hurdles appeared along the way. Injuries cost the team the services of seniors Dawn Werner and Katie Toole in the first semester. The Pioneers struggled to a 2-6 record during that span. Toward the end of the season, leading scorer Leslie Newhard (9.4 avg.) went down with a knee injury that later was diagnosed as a torn anterior cruciate ligament. She underwent surgery after the season.

Signs of the Pioneers' resilience and depth: they won six of eight games without the sophomore forward in the lineup and nine of the final 12 regular-season games overall.

As was his practice during most of his nine previous years as coach, Swanson utilized a nine- and sometimes 10-player nucleus. This strategy was especially effective during the season's second half when four precocious freshmen were contributing on a regular basis. No Pioneer ranked among the NEC leaders in scoring or rebounding, but each took a turn in carrying the team.

The freshmen were a revelation. Brooke Rutnik, a hard-driving 6-foot forward from Albany, N.Y., was in the starting lineup at the start of the year, then became the first forward off the bench. By



In the past five seasons, coach Ed Swanson's teams have won 60 percent of their games (82-54).

mid-season, three other first-year players were starters on most occasions: Brooke Kelly, a 5-10 forward from Medford, N.J., and the daughter of alumni Jim '73 and LouAnn '74; point guard Ashley Durmer (Nashua, N.H.) and 6-1 center Tara Brady (Wescosville, Pa.).

"The ceiling is high for these kids," says Swanson. "I think they're hungry and they work at getting better. They listen. Brooke Kelly has all the skills to be a top-notch player, inside and out. She has to develop the mental approach of becoming the go-to player. She has to understand she has the ability."

Kelly eventually led the team in rebounding (6.9), and her 17 caroms in the overtime win over

Mount St. Mary's were the most by any Pioneer since Julie Barrett '95 pulled down 18 against Molloy during the 1993-94 season. Opposing coaches noticed: Kelly was selected to the NEC's All-Rookie Team.

The season's turning point? One can make a case for the six-game winning streak that transformed a 5-10 record into a far brighter 11-10. Included in that run were home-and-home sweeps of LIU and St. Francis (N.Y.) and a 57-34 victory over in-state rival Quinnipiac when the Pioneers' relentless defensive pressure limited the Braves to 10 points in the second half.

Lehigh, the last non-conference opponent of the season, presented more of a problem, but the Pioneers reeled off 11 straight points in the closing moments to pull out a 64-61 win - the sixth in a row. Two of Swanson's other teams, the 20-7 squad of 1995-96 and the 19-7 unit of 1997-98, had produced similar winning streaks.

Bittersweet Ending for the Seniors

For the five seniors, and notably Werner and Heather Yablonski, the season and their careers had a bittersweet ending. For 31 minutes of their NEC Tournament quarter-final game against Wagner on the Monmouth campus, the Pioneers maintained the lead. For 40 minutes, the team played with heart and resolve. But in the end, the Pioneers were unable to contain Nia Ryan, the Seahawks' 5-10 senior who scored 22 of her game-high 28 points in the second half. Wagner prevailed, 59-56.

"I couldn't ask for our team to play any harder," Yablonski finally said in a makeshift interview room. "I'm just so proud."

FAB FRESHMEN



Tara Brady...A formidable presence at center.



Ashley Durmer...Led Pioneers with 32 three-pointers.



Brooke Kelly...Named to NEC All-Rookie Team.



Brooke Rutnik...Hard-driving forward.

Sitting together at a table, their eyes rimmed with red, Yablonski and Werner agreed that the foundation had been laid for a successful Division I program. "Definitely," they said in unison.

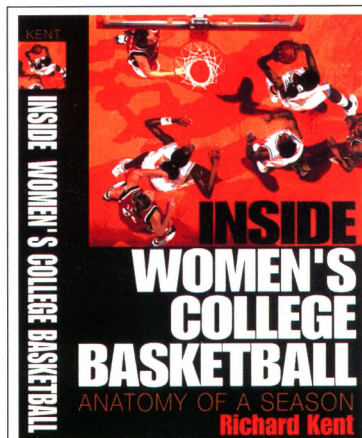
Werner, who transferred to the University from Fairleigh Dickinson following her sophomore year, played the best basketball of her career during the final five games. She averaged 15 points and connected on 59 percent (16-27) of her three-point attempts in that stretch.

Within a three-day span in late February the soft-spoken guard was the key to back-to-back overtime victories at the Pitt Center. She scored a career-high 21 points, including the decisive free throw with seven seconds left, in an 83-82 verdict over Mount St. Mary's - the conference's second-place team. Earlier she netted 18 points in the 69-61 triumph over Maryland-Baltimore County. In the NEC Tournament game against Wagner, Werner led the team with 12 points.

Yablonski, who was among the last of the Pioneers to play a Division II schedule as well as home games in the venerable gym known as the SHU Box, provided conclusive proof that her power game would stand the test against Division I centers. Her 56.6 field goal percentage established a school record and would have led the Northeast Conference had she averaged the required three baskets a game.

"When I was being recruited, I looked at both Division I and II schools. Coach Swanson told me he was recruiting players who would help us when we made the move to Division I," Yablonski explained. "I wanted to go where I'd fit in best and it turned out I got to play against both."

And play she did. The senior from Naugatuck concluded her fine career with 1,191 points, fifth on the school's all-time list, and 722 rebounds, which ranks fourth. ■



Pioneers' ascent captured in print

National champion UConn is here. Tennessee is here. And so is Sacred Heart University.

In the forthcoming book, *Inside Women's College Basketball: Anatomy of a Season*, a chapter is devoted to the Pioneer program's transition from Division II also-ran into a contender in the Division I Northeast Conference.

Richard Kent, an attorney, editor of the *Big East Women's Basketball Newsletter* and admitted basketball junkie, is the book's editor and partial author. The book is scheduled for publication in mid-September.

TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN WAY

This winter, in the span of one month, a Roman Catholic cardinal, a former boxer who is the subject of a major motion picture and two leading political figures spoke before large crowds at various campus venues. Perhaps never before in its history had Sacred Heart University played host to so many prominent people in such a brief period of time.



MARCH 15: Cardinal Cahal Brendan Daly is flanked by Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, executive director of the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, and President Anthony J. Cernera following the convocation.



MARCH 1: Rubin "Hurricane" Carter visits with President Cernera and Grace Lim '96 MAT, director of the International Center, who arranged Carter's visit.



MARCH 3: Senator John and Cindy McCain are presented Sacred Heart University sweatshirts by Alexis Harrison '01, chair of the University's College Republicans.



FEB. 17: Dr. Gary Rose, chair of the Political Science Department, author and political pundit, shares a moment with Elizabeth Dole.

Truth

Cardinal Daly awarded honorary doctorate

By Christopher J. Sheehan

In a fitting St. Patrick's Week tribute, the University awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to the Roman Catholic Primate Emeritus of All Ireland on March 15. Cardinal Cahal Brendan Daly, the retired Archbishop of Armagh, also presented the annual Bishop Curtis Lecture, "The Second Vatican Council: By One Who Was There," at the Special Academic Convocation held in the Mahogany Room.

Cardinal Daly was cited by the University for his depth of scholarship and his pastoral application of moral philosophy and theology. The 82-year-old prelate, who has been a tireless advocate for peace, presented a paper two years ago at a special international assembly in Auschwitz, Poland, on "The Roots of Peace in the New Testament." The conference on "Religion and Violence, Religion and Peace" was organized by the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.

He was ordained in 1941, and after 20 years as a professor of classics and scholastic philosophy, was named a bishop by Pope Paul VI. In 1990, he was installed as Archbishop of Armagh, the diocese founded by St. Patrick, and the following year he was elevated to the College of Cardinals.

Because of the partition of Ireland in 1920, the titular head of the Roman Catholic Church, the "Primate of All Ireland," is actually not in the Republic of Ireland at all. Throughout his ministry, Cardinal Daly has worked for peace, and several of his many books are directly concerned with this theme.

As a young priest, Father Daly attended the Second Vatican Council for three years, serving as an expert in theology. His reflections on this watershed event were the subject of the Curtis Lecture, which is given each year in honor of the University's founder, the late Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport.

The Irish churchman praised Sacred Heart University, which was

established in the months before Vatican II was convened, as a place "where truth can be turned into life and into behavior. It is a place small enough to retain familiarity and a sense of family," he said.

The cardinal vividly recalled the hopeful excitement of the Second Vatican Council, which he called the defining event in the history of the Church in the 20th century. "Vatican II worked to propose a synthesis of what some had taken as rigid alternatives: Not 'either/or,' but 'both/and,'" he insisted. "That was the council's judgment. Not faith OR good works, but faith which necessarily results

in good works. Not revelation OR tradition, but revelation understood and enriched inside a living tradition. Hundreds of years before, the Protestant Reformation had gone to one extreme, and in response, the Catholic Church had gone to the other extreme. Neither extreme is the truth."

In discussions with University faculty earlier in the day, Cardinal Daly spoke of the endangered Irish peace process. Over many years, he has played a major role in the process and emphatically praised the role the United States has had in bringing the two sides together. He singled out former Senator George Mitchell for his efforts, saying "he has done irreplaceable work."

While he noted that Northern Ireland, as such,

has no history before 1920, he recognized that "you cannot bomb one million people into agreeing with you," and he made it clear that the vast majority of Irish citizens gave no support whatsoever to the more militant tactics of the IRA.

"Without trust, it is said, we cannot proceed. Rather, we can build trust little by little, by working together on smaller matters where less is at stake," he stated. "Some parties in this conflict fear they will lose everything if they lose absolute control. But they stand to gain peace and the hope of prosperity. In that case, they would gain a great deal." ■



Cardinal Daly shares a light moment with his cousin, Sister Raymond McKay, a former president of Marymount Manhattan and Loyola-Marymount in California.

Hurricane takes University by storm

By Don Harrison

It generally happens in this order: speaker speaks, audience applauds. Or speaker speaks, audience gives standing ovation. It was different with Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. When the former middleweight boxing contender stepped onto the stage of the University Theatre on March 1, the capacity crowd of nearly 900 rose as one and applauded.

The man who was convicted of a triple murder he denies committing beamed and joined in the clapping. And then for the next 90 minutes he proceeded to regale the audience he already held in the palm of his significant hand.

"The only degrees I've ever received in my lifetime were from the institutions of lower education," Carter said as he walked the stage. "I have a bachelor's degree from the streets of oppression, a master's in man's inhumanity to man, and a Ph.D. in prison brutality."

"After spending 20 excruciating years in prison for a crime I did not commit – could not commit – it's a pleasure for me to be anywhere today."

Now 63 years old, Carter earns his livelihood by sharing his story of racism and injustice, redemption and hope with audiences around the globe. In the previous few months he'd met with President Clinton in the White House, spoken out against the death penalty before the United Nations' General Assembly, and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey television show.

Millions more have learned about his travails through the new motion picture, "The Hurricane," directed by Norman Jewison and starring Denzel Washington.

The facts: Carter was preparing for a world championship fight in 1966 when he and a companion were arrested for the murder of three whites in a Paterson, N.J., bar. Although steadfastly maintain-

ing his innocence, he was convicted and sentenced to three life terms, perilously escaping the death penalty. "A strange thing happened to me on the way to the championship of the world. The distance changed from 15 rounds to three lifetimes," he said.

It was while in prison that Carter transformed himself from a stutterer who let his fists do his talking into a man who speaks on behalf of others unjustly imprisoned throughout the world.

In 1974, upon publication of his autobiography, *The 16th Round:*

From Number 1 to Number 45472, and the recantations of the state's two key witnesses – both criminals who admitted lying at the trial – a new trial ensued. But the injustice was repeated, and it wasn't until 1985 that Carter was released from prison through a precedent-setting ruling by a federal judge. The indictment was officially dismissed three years later, and the World Boxing Council later awarded him the world championship belt at its 30th convention.

"My standing here today is absolute proof that anything can be done," he said with a wide grin. "Hate put me in prison, but love busted me out."

Carter captivated a variety of constituencies during his lengthy stay on campus. The man who rarely went the distance in the ring – hence his nickname – went the distance

to please. He mingled with VIPs at a reception held in The Gallery of Contemporary Art. He met with members of the media, including a crew from CBS Weekend News, in the Student Affairs Conference Room. He dined with the Black History Month committee and invited guests in the Faculty Lounge.

He capped his visit by signing copies of his new book, *Hurricane: The Miraculous Journey of Rubin Carter*, during a three-hour marathon in the art gallery. ■



Hurricane Carter makes a point to the media during his lengthy day on campus.

The American Way

McCain visit history in the making

By Jeff Kimball

Choosing a candidate for president of the United States is one of the most important roles in the democratic process. This past March, Sacred Heart University played its part by hosting Arizona Senator John McCain.

Engaged in a competitive battle for the Republican Party's nomination, the senator faced a daunting challenge. Running even with Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the polls but lagging in the delegate count, McCain had time for one stop in the Nutmeg State prior to the "Super Tuesday" primary. His choice? Sacred Heart University.

The campus visit was part of an effort spearheaded by University President Anthony J. Cerna, Ph.D., to provide a forum for all presidential candidates.

"We were attracted to Sacred Heart University because it has a very active and engaged student body, which is reflected in the University's impressive commitment to community service," said Ben Davol, who directed the McCain campaign in Connecticut. "And from an event standpoint, the University has an enviable location – close to New York, in the heart of Fairfield County."

The old gym was filled to capacity, with more than 2,500 in attendance from as far away as Norwich and Brewster, N.Y. Prior to the senator's speech, Trumbull's Hillcrest Middle School band performed and Maureen Hamill, creative director of the University's Center for the Performing Arts, sang the national anthem. "We could have filled a gym twice the size," Davol said. "The response from the University and the community was amazing."

The forum provided a unique opportunity to showcase the University to the entire country. Reporters representing nearly every daily newspaper in Connecticut were present, along with a national press corps of 150 that included CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, C-Span, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Every television station in the state, along with New York's ABC affiliate and Boston's NBC affiliate, broadcast live from the University.

"Receiving this level of exposure on the heels of Elizabeth Dole's visit brought the University exceptional visibility. It made people

think about us in a new light," said Elinor U. Biggs, vice president for University Relations.

Student Government president Jason Slattery introduced Dr. Cerna, noting how proud he was of the president's efforts to transform the University. "Dr. Cerna's accomplishments are remarkable," Slattery said. "He is a scholar, a teacher, a leader and a friend. We are as proud to have Dr. Cerna as our president as the American people will be in having Senator John McCain as theirs."

Dr. Cerna, who noted how important forums like these are for students, introduced McCain. "You do Sacred Heart University a great honor by visiting us," Dr. Cerna said. "We invite you to use this public forum to bring the American people together again, to excite us, to unite us and to lead us into the future. For our students, this is an especially important event. Senator McCain, you know better than anyone in this room that democracy depends on the willingness of its citizens to be involved, and our students are yearning to be involved. Regardless of whom they vote for, that is a great sign. And so as we welcome you tonight, we rededicate ourselves to being actively involved to make this a better country in the 21st century."

The senator spoke about the need for reform in the political system, his experiences as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and about such issues as campaign finance reform

and a balanced federal budget. His 40-minute speech was interrupted repeatedly by applause.

"Senator McCain won the Connecticut primary by a few thousands votes," Davol said. "When you consider the audience we were able to attract and how much attention we received so close to the primary, there is no question in my mind that this event played an important part in putting Senator McCain over the top in Connecticut. While we are certainly disappointed that Senator McCain won't be our nominee for president, he has a special place in our hearts here in Connecticut. In fact, the first visit he made after dropping out of the race was to Connecticut, which shows how special that connection is." ■



Senator John McCain receives a rousing welcome from more than 2,500 in the old gym.

The American Way

Elizabeth Dole warms up a chilly February

By Jeff Kimball

Elizabeth Dole, one of the most recognized women in America, visited the University on Feb. 17 to discuss women's leadership issues. Her trip to Fairfield was part of a brief journey through the state on behalf of Texas governor and presidential candidate George W. Bush.

Speaking in the Mahogany Room before an overflow crowd of 500 that included community and political leaders, prominent women, corporate heads and Sacred Heart University students and faculty, Dole urged students to become politically active. "It isn't easy," she told the audience. "But I encourage you to get involved and let your voice be heard."

More than 125 students - including members of the University's College Republicans and a representative from Trinity College's chapter — braved the cold weather to give a warm welcome to Dole. Holding hand-made signs and banners, they gathered along the red carpet that marked her entrance to the school.

Dole was greeted by University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.; Robert Matura, vice chair of the Board of Trustees; Elinor U. Biggs, vice president for University Relations;

Jason Slattery, Student Government president; Gia Marie Vacca, Student Government vice president; Gary Rose, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Political Science; and Rosa Correa, director of Gov. Rowland's Bridgeport office.

Prior to her speech, Dole attended a private reception with area corporate and community leaders in The Gallery of Contemporary Art, where attendees had the opportunity to talk more intimately with the former presidential candidate.

Dole received an enthusiastic greeting from the students who lined the hallways, bursting into spontaneous applause when she walked past. "Regardless of your political affiliation, it's great for the

University to have someone like Mrs. Dole on campus," Slattery said. "The students were energized by her visit."

Dole was introduced by Dr. Cernera, who noted that the topic of her address was appropriate for the University. "We are honored to have someone of Elizabeth Dole's stature come to the University to address women's leadership issues," he said. "The topic of this forum, women's leadership, has particular relevance to the Sacred Heart University community, not just because of our Women's Studies program, but also because so many of our students are preparing themselves for leadership roles."

Asked why she chose to visit Sacred Heart University, Dole replied that she was attracted by the University's unique mission. "This is a university committed to the development of people who are knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations and prepared to be able to respond to an ever changing world," Dole said, quoting from the University's Mission Statement. "I couldn't think of a more perfect mission. I am really impressed."

Prior to leaving, Dole thanked the University

for the warm reception and the hospitality. Dr. Cernera presented her an autographed copy of *John Davis Lodge — A Life in Three Acts*; the new biography of the state's former Republican governor published by Sacred Heart University Press. Students gave Dole a crystal vase and a stuffed elephant wearing a Sacred Heart University sweatshirt.

The address by Dole was part of the University's decision to become a center for important political and policy discussions. "This is a part of an ongoing effort to become a venue for dialogue on significant issues," Dr. Cernera said. "We think we have an important role to play in promoting discussion and understanding." ■



"I encourage you to get involved and let your voice be heard," Elizabeth Dole tells students during her visit to campus.

Skandia-University partnership celebrated

The growing partnership between Sacred Heart University and American Skandia reached a very visible milestone when American Skandia President and CEO Jan Carendi accepted the University's first Alumni-Corporate Recognition Award. University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., presented the award at a special luncheon in March held at Skandia's headquarters in Shelton.

Dozens of graduates of the University are active in the company, and many more American Skandia employees are currently engaged in academic pursuits at the University. The award came with a pledge of even closer ties between the University and the corporation.

In February 1999, Carendi received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University. Such an honor, said Dr. Cernera, is the highest accolade an institution of higher learning can bestow, and it was a way for the University to welcome Carendi formally into the family of scholars and teachers that the University comprises. Further, it was a sign of the deepening relationship between the two institutions.

To American Skandia alumni of the University, Dr. Cernera was candid: "When I graduated from college 25 years ago," he reflected, "the dean said to us, 'Welcome to the ranks of the educated.' No dean in America would dare say such a thing today. Instead, the



Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti (center) was a participant in the American Skandia-hosted luncheon along with the company's president and CEO, Jan Carendi (left), and President Anthony J. Cernera.

charge would be, 'Please, continue to go on learning—learning and unlearning—for the rest of your lives. Learn anew and in dramatically different ways.'

"When you left Sacred Heart University on your graduation day, you left a community of learning. It was as if you were leaving the family. We want you to stay connected. Please help us figure out ways to keep this family of learning going for all the rest of your personal and professional lives."

Where once there was an uncomfortable divide between corporations and colleges, he pointed out, today there is an aggressive effort to find areas of mutual concern and benefit.

Carendi opened his remarks by noting the warm and developing relationship between American Skandia and the University, which he called a win-win situation, and he shared elements of his philosophy of leadership with the group.

Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti, in a greeting to the assembly on behalf of the community, thanked both American Skandia and Sacred Heart University for their contributions to the quality of life in the region, recognizing each as an important part of the vitality that is so obvious locally. It is important, he said, to encourage mutual respect and a good working relationship to the benefit of all concerned, and he thanked Dr. Cernera, specifically, for his leadership in this regard. ■ *Christopher J. Sheehan*

Scholarship

Fund:

new name,

new purpose

The University's Annual Fund has gone through a dramatic change – both in name and purpose.

Effective July 1, the proud new name is the Sacred Heart University Scholarship Fund, which more accurately reflects its purpose. All donations will be directed to financial aid and scholarships. About 80 percent of the current student body receives some form of financial aid, with the majority of assistance being merit based.

Luke Doyle, vice president for Institutional Advancement, describes the Scholarship Fund as "a great way to reach out and help the students of Sacred Heart University. The Scholarship Fund is a wonderful way for alumni, parents and friends of the University to give back and help the students who qualify for the aid."

For information, contact Marie Sekelsky, scholarship fund director, at (203) 365-4897 or email sekelskm@sacredheart.edu.

A DECADE OF *Visuals*

*The Gallery of Contemporary Art has become
a 'must-see' venue for art aficionados.*

By Don Harrison

On Oct. 1, 1989, a new dimension was added to the Sacred Heart University community. With the initial exhibit, "Early Works from the Plohn Collection," featuring the paintings of Daniel E. Greene, The Gallery of Contemporary Art was officially opened. Ten years later, it has become an integral and recognized part of the University landscape.

The result of a shared vision of President Anthony J. Cerna and Mrs. Charles Plohn, an early benefactor, The Gallery of Contemporary Art has flourished, in part because Dr. Cerna believed strongly that a liberal arts institution should have a dedicated location to exhibit art.

From modest beginnings, the Gallery's 800-square-foot exhibition space has featured the works of a variety of prominent artists, faculty members and students. A challenging mixture of paintings, prints, sculptures, multi-media exhibits and photography—as well as artists' lectures supporting the exhibits—have made the University's Gallery a "must-see" venue for art aficionados.

"The Gallery of Contemporary Art was created to display excellence in a wide range of artwork by established and emerging professional artists, predominantly from Connecticut, New England and the New York area," says Sophia Gevas, Gallery director since its inception. "It was also created as a resource for art students and faculty, as well as the community at large, providing a 'visual vocabulary' important for students.

"We're bringing high-quality artwork to an area that doesn't have a lot of galleries dedicated to contemporary work. Since most people



Artist Suzanne Benton was in a playful mood for this 1995 shot.

don't have a chance to see contemporary artwork in New York, we offer an opportunity to fill that void."

Gevas brought a unique background to the position of director. A recognized painter who received a B.F.A. degree from Miami University of Ohio, she studied painting in Aix-en-Provence, France and exhibited her work in New York, the Southwest and a variety of locales in Europe. She had also taught life drawing and art history at the University.

As a founder of the Loft Artists Association in Stamford, she was closely involved in fundraising. In short, Gevas provided a blend of artistic talent, organizational skill and business acumen.

It was clear from the beginning that the Gallery would be dedicated to exhibiting a diverse range of work. In fact, the second show

was devoted to the work of 1970 graduate Joseph Sia's photography of such rock 'n' roll icons as Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon and Bob Dylan. Sia was hired to shoot the now-famous rock festival at Woodstock by a then-fledgling publication called *Rolling Stone*.

"It was a real challenge in the beginning," recalls Gevas, "because the space chosen for the Gallery had been used previously as a meeting place for fraternities and sororities. A wall had to be built that was strong enough to support heavy works. An office and storage area had to be constructed and we had to include a special air-heat and humidity system to protect the valuable works we would exhibit."

The University's commitment to providing an active artistic atmosphere began to pay dividends early on. Though the primary focus was, and is, on area artists, the Gallery soon began to attract the attention of artists from a much wider area. The effect was to enlarge both the variety of works exhibited and the audiences who began to make Sacred Heart University a focal point for contemporary art in the area.

The second year opened with an exhibit of collage paintings by internationally renowned artist Jonathan Talbot. His artist's lecture provided an intriguing viewpoint that was closely aligned with the Gallery's mission. "The artist's role in society is analogous to the relationship of a research and development division to its parent company," Talbot stated. "Both explore the present in search of the possibilities of the future."

For the Gallery, that future has reached across the oceans to encompass works that give the viewer an ability to see and understand how contemporary art is a part of understanding other cultures. These exhibits have included Chinese painter Hung Liu, who survived her nation's massive famines and the Cultural Revolution; Liliana Porter, a painter raised in Argentina; French-born painter Philip Orenstein, whose art was forged in a crucible of being a Jewish child sheltered by Christians in a French village during World War II; Turkey's Apo Torosyan, who creates artwork out of bread; and sculptors Sherinatu Fafunwa (Nigeria) and Lee Tribe (United Kingdom). A collection of Shona sculpture from Zimbabwe was also notable.

Some of the Gallery's exhibits have been so distinctive that they have traveled to other institutions after their run on campus. One such show was "Monuments and Memory: Reflections on the Former Soviet Union," a 1994 exhibit that featured the work of nine contemporary photographers from the former communist superpower. Their photographic record of a changing time graphically showed the dismantling of the icons of the past and the photographic repatriation of people who had been turned into "non-persons" in the Soviet regime. The exhibit was augmented by collateral course work and a symposium that featured scholars and critics.

"Working with the three curators of 'Monuments and Memory' was a four-year process," says Gevas. "The symposium had to be rescheduled because of a blizzard, and the two participating artists from Belarus were unable to be there because they had to return to Russia, so we scrambled to provide a Russian translator and videotaped their talk for the event."

The Gallery's contributions to art extend beyond its white walls.



Paintings by Judy Corrigan '76 appeared in a 1994-95 exhibit, "From the Figure: In Black & White."

The welded steel sculptures of British-born Lee Tribe were a 1991 hit.

The University's Voluntary Percent for Arts Program, instituted in 1992, holds a competition for a commissioned work by a noted artist to be placed outdoors or in the lobby of new campus buildings. It is the only program of its kind in Connecticut.

In a letter to the Gallery, John E. Ostrout, executive director of the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, has called the Voluntary Percent for Arts Program "quite extraordinary, which distinguishes you from other private universities in the state. These carefully constructed and thoughtfully executed site works provide a unique and enduring legacy for future generations to contemplate, appreciate and admire."

These site-specific pieces have become part of the University's "Art Walk," a recent outreach program developed by the Gallery. In addition to the works created for the University, the Art Walk also includes a rotating selection of sculptures on loan to the University that are located throughout the campus.

In addition, the Gallery is now coordinating the gathering of The Collection, already numbering more than 100 donated paintings and other works, which are installed in offices and hallways throughout the University.

To further expand the Gallery's reach, an annual fundraiser has featured such luminaries of the New York art world as Andre Emmerich of Andre Emmerich Gallery and Sotheby's, and Bernice Steinbaum and Richard Solomon of Steinbaum Krauss Gallery in SoHo.

As the Gallery moves into its second decade, it continues to attract hundreds of visitors to campus to see six featured exhibits a year, including the annual student and faculty shows. Expanding the visual vocabulary will continue to be an important part of its mission, and sharing that vision with students, faculty and the enlarging community of art lovers will make it a welcome stop for all who visit. ■

COMMENCEMENT 2000

*Record number of degrees conferred at two ceremonies,
another awarded at hospital patient's bedside.*

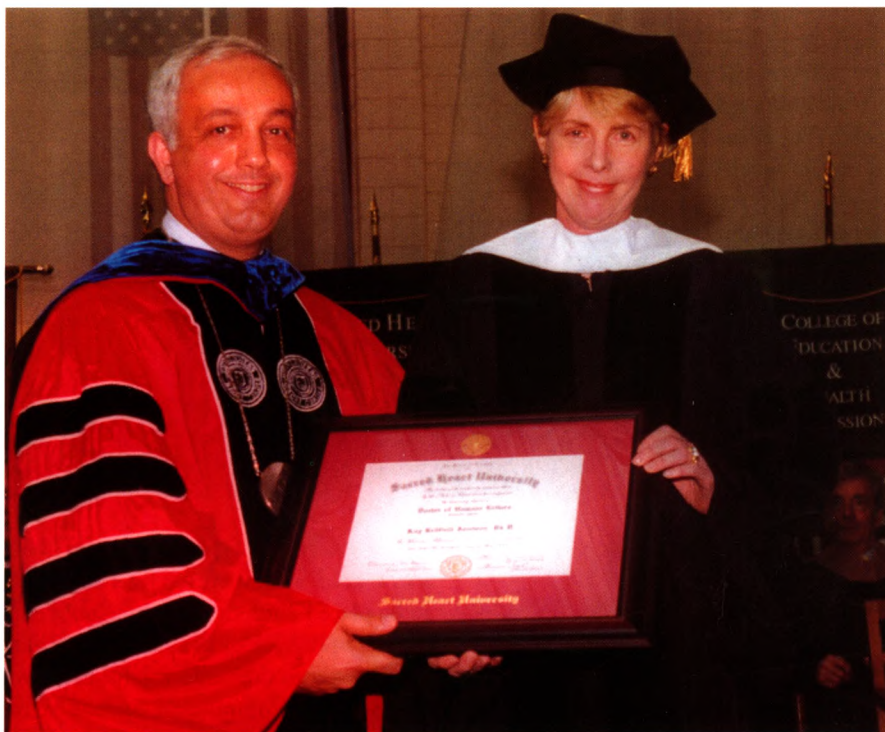
For the first time in its history, Sacred Heart University conducted separate Commencement exercises for undergraduate and graduate students. It also held an impromptu graduation ceremony off campus – at a hospital patient's bedside.

In a heart-warming departure from protocol, President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Benoît Boyer, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business, visited Susan Lynch at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport on May 21 to award her a B.S. degree in business administration. Lynch, who graduated *magna cum laude*, was a patient in the hospital's Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

The University conferred a record number of degrees overall — 800 at the 34th undergraduate Commencement on May 21 and 469 at the graduate ceremony on the previous day. An additional 96 students received advanced certificates at the latter.

In her Commencement address, Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore and a best-selling author, urged the graduates to confront adversity, noting that it can lead to greater understanding and compassion.

"No one wants adversity, but there is much to be learned from it," Dr. Jamison said. "I was dealt a hand of intense emotions. Manic depression is



Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, a nationally known psychiatrist and best-selling author, receives her honorary doctorate from President Anthony J. Cernera.



Honorary degree recipient Aram H. Tellalian Jr., an attorney and retired judge of probate, is hooded by trustee William Roberti '69.

not a gentle or easy disease. There have been times when I longed for more peace and tranquility, but the passion for me is vital to my existence. Life is not all wonderful and it is not all bad, but it is altogether wonderful."

The University conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on Dr. Jamison, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Aram H. Tellalian Jr., a retired judge of probate. In addition, the prestigious Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal was presented to two retiring, long-time members of the faculty, Ralph L. Corrigan, Ph.D., professor of English, and Virginia F. Zic, professor of art.

Dr. Jamison is the author or co-author of four books, including the widely acclaimed *Night Falls Fast: Understanding Suicide*, which was selected by *The New York Times* as a Notable Book of 1999, and *An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness*, which received a 1995-96 Critics' Choice Award and was on *The Times*' Bestseller List for more than five months. Her memoir is under development as a feature film by Universal Studios.

Dr. Jamison was chosen by *Time* magazine as a "Hero of Medicine" and was also listed in *Best Doctors in the United States*.

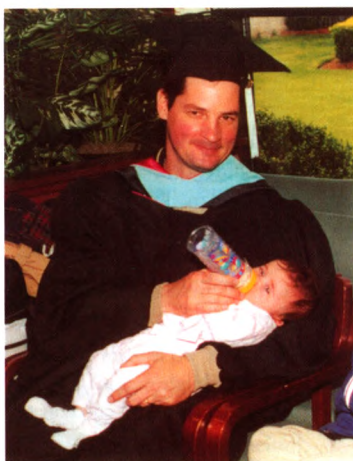
In his long and distinguished legal career, Tellalian served as the first judge

of probate in the Trumbull District, from 1959–79, where he was known for his sensitivity and fairness. So illustrious was his reputation that he ran unopposed several times.

The judge, a graduate of Yale University and the Yale Law School, is a partner in the law firm of Tellalian & Tellalian, which he founded with his brother Robert in 1946. Attached to the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, he served as a

legal counsel at the Nuremberg war crime trials.

Ruth Parkins, a 43-year-old mother of two with a full-time career (see below), was the valedictorian. Tara Lynn Lawrence, who completed her studies in December and now works as a microbiologist in Phoenix, was the salutatorian. ■



Left: Richard Piotrkowski provides nourishment to his daughter, Jennie, after receiving a professional certificate in administration. *Above:* Theresa Forget (B.S. political science) shares the moment with her sister, Monica '98, their father, Dr. Thomas V. Forget, vice president for academic affairs, and President Cerna.



In her valedictory, Ruth Parkins urges the graduates to "share your time and your talent equally with your family, your work, your community, and don't question what you will get in return, for in the end your life will be a treasure."

Barnum & Bailey never had a balancing act to equal Ruth Parkins.

The 43-year-old Shelton resident is a wife, mother of two children and a full-time public relations professional. And that's just the beginning. Parkins graduated as the University's Class of 2000 valedictorian with a 3.989 grade point average and a B.S. degree in business administration.

The secret behind her resolve and success? "You've got to remain focused," she says. "I tell my friends, once you take time off, you lose your focus. So I've stayed focused through this process."

Capitalizing on the University's satellite locations in the valley, Parkins did much of her class work through the AHEAD (Adults in Higher Education working for Accelerated Degrees) program at the Derby and Shelton campuses. She also studied at the main campus in Fairfield and even took a course through the Internet.

Barbara Zuffa, Ed.D., the founding – and now former – director of the valley campuses, remembers Parkins as "an inspiration to the class who would take leadership roles. I told her she had the potential to excel and fulfill all her dreams."

Their admiration is mutual. "She is a fantastic lady, a very strong influence," Parkins says of Dr. Zuffa. "I'm just glad she didn't retire until I was nearly through."

Parkins speaks glowingly about the support she received from her husband, David, and their daughters Jessica, 17, and Sarah, 7, throughout this challenging period in her life. "Their support, especially from my older daughter, has been an immense help," she says.

Her employer, Iroquois Pipeline Operating Co. of Shelton, provided

valuable assistance, too, in the form of tuition reimbursement. "They paid 100 percent, books and fees, even the graduation fee." She devotes a considerable portion of her time to community service activities and environmental grant programs with the company.

As a young woman, Parkins admittedly lacked the focus that sustained her in recent years. After graduating from Bridgeport's Bassick High School in 1974, she attended the former Connecticut Business Institute and found work as a secretary. Bored with that endeavor, she embarked on a career in typography with ad agencies and type houses, or as she puts it, "until technology took that away."

Finally realizing that she wasn't going to advance in a business career without a degree, Parkins enrolled at Sacred Heart University for the first time in 1991. But she left after earning nine credits, citing financial reasons. After joining Iroquois in 1996, she returned to the classroom with renewed determination.

The rest is a Sacred Heart University success story, but the ending has yet to be written. *Don Harrison*

A circuitous route to excellence



Message from the Alumni chairman

Dear alumni and friends,

When I was elected chairman of the Alumni Executive Council (AEC) a year ago, I admit that I felt apprehensive about occupying the position. However, a succession of events took place that helped to quell my concerns.

First, a strong slate of officers was elected to guide the council: vice chair John Kelly '86, '92 MBA, secretary Cathy Cottle '91, '93 MBA, and treasurer Christine D'Arcangelo '85. Second, the council members worked hard to develop an agenda of alumni events and programs for 1999-2000. Third, after a lengthy search process, the University filled the position of alumni director by hiring Rob Cottle '90.

Finally, the Office of Institutional Advancement sponsored the first Alumni Leadership Conference, which assisted in identifying ideas, strategies and goals toward the cultivation of the association.

Upon reviewing the past year, I am proud to report that the Sacred Heart University Alumni Association is as strong and vibrant as it has ever been. This is not a coincidence, considering the schedule of events and programs developed by the council and available to all members of the association along with their families and friends. Some of the more notable events were the Lobsterbake at Penfield Pavilion in August, the football Homecoming celebration in October, the President's Holiday Reception in December, the basketball Alumni Day in January, the awarding of the Alumni Executive Scholarship in May and Alumni Night at HarborYard in June.

Additionally, I am proud of the alumni's volunteer efforts in the local community. Working in concert with the University's Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs, the AEC's Community Service Team organized significant alumni participation in a Habitat for Humanity building project and a food drive for the Merton House of Hospitality in Bridgeport. Future plans include a clothing drive, blood drive and other endeavors.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the Alumni Executive Council was the establishment of the Pioneer for Life program, which had its origin at the 1999 Alumni Leadership Conference. The program was introduced to the graduating seniors at the annual Family Dinner Dance during Senior Week. Each of the 800 in attendance, seniors, friends and family, received a commemorative flute champagne glass with the inscription, "Pioneer for Life." It was my honor to deliver a champagne toast to the seniors and welcome the newest Pioneers for Life to the Alumni Association.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Alumni Association. Should you have any questions or comments, please call me at (203) 924-4300 or email AttyReale@aol.com.

Best wishes,

Matthew Reale '86

'60s

Charles Rizzo '67 is director of human resources for Sport Services at Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla. His wife, **Kay '67**, is associate superintendent of schools for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. They live in Wesley Chapel.

Lynn Fontana '68 is team leader of the Trumbull High School Library Media Department and co-chair of

the Public Relations Committee for the Trumbull Business Education Initiative. Lynn resides in Naugatuck.

Judy Lisi '68 continues as president of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and is the owner of Prismatics, a management consulting firm. She and her husband, **Ernie '68**, live in Tampa.

'70s

Carmen Christiano '70 of Chelmsford, Mass., is an independent investor and the producer and host of two local cable TV programs. He is also executive director of Community Productions, a non-profit charitable organization.

Sister Kathleen Deignan '71, a teacher, singer, musician and composer, has a new CD out entitled "Borne by Grace."

Edward Kasproicz '71 is serving as an administrative law judge for the Suffolk County, N.Y., Department of Health Services. He is also bureau chief of the Enforcement Department, Environment Section. He lives in Stony Brook, N.Y., with his wife, **Nancy '72**.

Robert Scinto '71 was named to Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut's Free Enterprise Hall of Fame. Chairman of Shelton-based R.D. Scinto, Inc., he is a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Bob and his family reside in Milford.

Sister Bernice Stobierski '71 of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is the director of diocesan testing and technology for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

John Kachuba '72 and his wife, Mary A. Newman, Ph.D., are co-authors of *Why Is This Job Killing Me?* published by Dell. He is founder of the Alice Hamilton Foundation for the investigation of workplace safety and health issues

among underserved minorities (women, ethnic minorities, third-world nations).

Anthony Pascarella '72, '96 MBA has been promoted to group purchasing manager for Yale Security Commercial Products-U.S. He resides in Matthews, N.C.

Bill Tanski '72, '82 MBA is a corporate credit manager for QAD in Mt. Laurel, N.J. He and his family live in Medford, N.J.

Joseph Marrone '73 was appointed associate dean of undergraduate admissions at the University of Bridgeport. He was also elected to the Amity Regional Board of Education. His wife, **Joan '74**, was honored at a Board of Education reception for 25 years of service to the Orange Public Schools. They live in Orange.

John Betkoski III '74 was elected chairman of the advisory board for the Salvation Army of Waterbury. He is commissioner of the state's Department of Public Utility Control. Betkoski resides in Beacon Falls.

Edward Messina '74 was promoted to senior account executive with RPS, an FDX company. He resides in Watertown.

Mary Miko '74 served as an escort for the Goodspeed Opera House's annual London theatre tour. Mary, who lives in Madison, is in her 16th year at Goodspeed as a theatre administrator.

Mark Favale '75 is postmaster of the Hawleyville Post Office. He is working on his fifth book of poetry and second collection of short stories. His wife, **Maryann '76**, is an administrative assistant at St. Joseph School in Brookfield, where they reside.

Patricia Benigno '77 received an R.N. from Bridgeport Hospital, where she is specializing in pediatrics. She lives in Milford.

Suzanne Beliveau '78, '90 MAT is head of the Mathematics Department at Bunnell High School in Stratford. She lives in Milford.

Joseph Klimasewski '78 is a math teacher at North Haven High School. He resides in Shelton.

Theresa Syc '79 was named controller at CCL Label Inc., in Shelton. She resides in Shelton.

'80s

Sylvia Askinazi '81 is senior project accountant at Bayer Pharmaceutical Division in West Haven. She lives in Trumbull.

Scott Ingerman, CPA, '81 is an accounting manager for Schwartz & Hofflich LLP, Norwalk. He and his family reside in Wilton.

Lawrence Kearney '81 recently celebrated 10 years of service with Burzenski & Co., P.C., CPAs, where he supervises the Tax Department. He lives in Shelton with his wife, Kathy, and their two children.

Lauria Murphy '81 was appointed to the Trumbull Loves Children (TLC) Board of Directors. Lauria is office manager with Safe Harbour Tanker Chartering of Trumbull.

Ronald Tuccillo '81, '85 MBA retired from GTE Corp. and is currently a senior officer with Rhoda Anderson Associates in Fairfield, where he resides.

Judy Angell '82, a retired data processor, was featured as a "Woman of Substance" in the *Connecticut Post* in January. She volunteers as a "hugger" in Bridgeport Hospital's Intensive Care Unit and with environmental and wildlife organizations. She lives in Trumbull.

Leo Karl III '82 and **Stephen J. Karl '84** of Karl Chevrolet have opened a Hummer dealership in New Canaan. Leo is president of Karl Chevrolet, while Stephen is vice president and sales manager. Both reside in New Canaan.

Adrian Stroud '82 retired from the Ridgefield Police Department after 15 years of service. He and his wife, Laura, and their three children have relocated to Venice, Fla.

Valerie Watson '82 is an on-board leader for Delta Airlines where she has 32 years of service. She lives in Avon.

Michael D. Algieri '83 is vice president for Chicago-based Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc., in Hartford.

Laura Kelly '83 was married to John Hovanec on Nov. 6, 1999 in Stratford. Laura is a purchasing manager at CCL Label in Shelton.

Maryhelen McCarthy '83 was sworn in as a Newtown police officer on Sept. 20, 1999. She resides in Fairfield.

Frank Turechek '84 is the new president of Gawiser Associates in Shelton. He and his wife, Maria, live in Huntington with their children, Tina, 4, and Christopher, 2.

Deborah Angell '85 was married to Jeffrey Gedney on May 1, 1999 in Stratford. Deborah is a newspaper editor with Hometown Publications in Shelton. The couple resides in Stratford.

Patrick Francis Bosse Jr. '85 was married to Caitlin Tierney Salko on Aug. 28, 1999 in Milford. He is a project leader in the Information Systems Department at Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford. They live in Fairfield.

New Career Network to benefit alumni, students

The Office of Career Development has created an Alumni Career Advisory Network.

A variation of the former Alumni-Student Mentor program, the new initiative is designed to get graduates involved in their alma mater as well as to give students valuable insights into the job market. "This program will allow students to benefit from the experiences of our alumni and is another way for the alums to connect with current students and the University," says Deanna Fiorentino, director of employer relations in Career Development.

Alumni who choose to participate may select the level of commitment that is best for them. Their involvement can range from offering advice through telephone or email conversations to a mentoring relationship with a specific student. "It's flexible," Fiorentino says. "The alumni will decide; the amount of activity is in their hands."

Career Development notes that this is a networking and educational opportunity for students, not a job placement program. An alumnus may choose to offer employment to the student, but that is not the goal of the program.

For information about the Alumni Career Advisory Network, contact Career Development at (203) 371-7975 or Alumni Relations at 365-4801. *D.V.*

John DiBiaso '85 is branch manager of the Chase Avenue Stop & Shop branch of People's Bank, Waterbury. He lives in Seymour.

Kim Marie Palumbo '85 and Michael Joseph Brown were married on Dec. 5, 1999 in Stamford. Kim is assistant to the president of Gilbertie's Herb Gardens Inc., Easton. They reside in Norwalk.

Carl E. Tomchik '85 is the new fiscal officer for Monroe. He and his wife, Pat, and daughter, Ashley, live in Monroe.

Karen Damon Callahan '86 gave birth to her fifth child, Gregory Damon, on April 8, 2000. Karen is a nurse at Fairfield University. The family lives in Wallingford.

Armand DelMedico '86 is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York City.

Robert B. Keyes '86 has joined the law firm of Norwalk-based Corsello & Cohen, LLC, as an associate.

Tony Pijar '86 and **Danielle Quarrels '96** were married on Sept. 4, 1999. Tony is a teacher at Central High School in Bridgeport and Danielle is a project director at Greenfield Online in Wilton. They reside in Shelton.

Beverly Salzman '86 MBA is executive director of The Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc., Stamford. Salzman lives in Bridgeport.

'80s

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Suzanne Volante '86 is administrative services manager for Allied Domecq Spirits USA in Westport.

Charles Casey '87 and his wife, **Clare '87**, became parents of their second child, Emily Anne, on Sept. 10, 1999 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. They reside in Milford.

Ricky Cruz '87 is a respiratory therapist at St. Vincent's Medical Center Respiratory Therapy Department in Bridgeport.

Barbara Guenette '87 was married to William Garry on Aug. 28, 1999 in Stratford. Barbara is a senior programs project coordinator with Physicians Health Services in Shelton. They live in Stratford.

Jeffrey Lasala '87 is a science teacher at Ridgefield's middle school.

Joyce Maher '87 has collaborated on an English grammar text and written a student workbook for Macmillan. She also participated in an English conference and presented a teaching

technique at the University of Maryland, where she is an adjunct in the English Department. She resides in Atlantic, Va.

Mirella Ouellette '87 is a realtor with Coldwell Banker in Darien.

James Downing '88 MBA is the division director of management resources for Robert Half International. He resides in Yonkers, N.Y.

Chris Markley '88, a teacher at Middlebrook School in Wilton, received the first Red Apple Award from the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk. She was recognized for her work with the aquarium's Red Apple Fund, a program that makes field trips and programs available for thousands of area schoolchildren. Markley lives in Fairfield.

Deirdre Zalenski '88 and James LaFrance were married on Nov. 7, 1999 in Ansonia. She is an actress and a computer consultant with Intertec Design, Stratford. They live in Ansonia.

Dean DeBiase '89 and Lisa Bendlak were married on Nov. 28, 1999 in Milford. Dean is an assistant manager at People's Bank in Shelton. They reside in Milford.

Victoria DiMatteo '89 and **Jeremiah McCarthy IV '92** were married on June 20, 1999 in Fairfield. Victoria is owner of A.A. DiMatteo Insurance Service Center Inc., Trumbull, and Jeremiah is an accountant with TIG Reinsurance Co., Stamford. They live in Shelton.

Pam Nastu Garrett '89 and **Paul Garrett '89, '99 MBA**, announce the birth of their son, Hunter Thomas, born in October 1998. The Garretts reside in Huntington.

Lisa Gulli-Martire '89 and her husband, Paul, became parents of a son, Dominic Paul, on Nov. 8, 1999. Lisa is a contact administrator for the Nasdaq Stock Market in Trumbull. They live in Trumbull.

Allison Guzzi '89 was married to Mark Trisko on Feb. 19, 2000 in Shelton. The bride is an account manager at Lightwave Communications, Milford. They live in Seymour.

Lynn Halkowicz '89 became the mother of twins, Ashley and Nicholas, on Sept. 29, 1999. The family resides in Trumbull.

Tommy McNemar '89 was married to Karen Driscoll on May 13, 2000 in Guilford. He is employed by Federal Express. They reside in Milford.

Laura Pizzuto '89 was married to James Coppola on Oct. 25, 1999 in Stratford. Laura is an administrative assistant with the Kasper Group Inc., Bridgeport. They live in Derby.

Roger Trapasso Jr. '89 is an accountant for PriceWaterhouse Coopers, LLP and a member of the assurance and business advisory services team. He resides in Trumbull.

Honors for a centerfielder

Four-time All-America softball centerfielder Michelle Palmer Suda '93 (second from left) was honored in Alumni Day ceremonies on Jan. 29 in recognition of her selection to the Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame. Palmer Suda batted .493 during her illustrious four-year career (1990-93), leading the Pioneers to four successive New England Collegiate Conference titles and NCAA Tournament berths. Joining her were, from left: Elizabeth "Bippy" Luckie '85, associate athletic director and softball coach; Matthew Reale '86, chair of the Alumni Executive Council; and Rob Cottle '90, director of Alumni Relations. Palmer Suda, now a third grade teacher at Marvin School in Norwalk, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the organization's annual dinner on March 5.



Marc Scacciaferro '95, Keith Zingler '96 and Kevin Barrett '96 (left to right) were among 185 alumni and guests enjoying the Alumni Day reception in the Pitt Center.

'90s

Daryl Basch '90 is an elementary school teacher in Ellington. She and her husband, John, live in Ellington with their three children, Jessica, Matthew and Zachary.

David G. Boston '90 was sworn in as deputy chief of uniformed patrol for the city of Bridgeport. He and his family reside in Shelton.

Anthony DiCocco '90, '99 MBA and **Rose Marcoccia '92** were married on Sept. 19, 1999. Rose is manager of corporate accounting at Bridgeport Hospital and Anthony is a credit analyst at Purdue Frederick in Norwalk. They live in Bridgeport.

Ann Marie Minopoli '90 was married to Mark Poremba on Sept. 26, 1999 in Milford. The bride is an executive assistant at Olin Corp., Norwalk. They reside in Stratford.

Terry Mohan '90 is assistant controller at Smart Serve Online Inc. in Stamford.

Mark Williams '90 is regional vice president with ASC Telecom of New York City. He and his wife, **Holly Faulkner Williams '90**, and their sons, Maxwell, 3, and Nicholas, 2, live in Ft. Collins, Colo.

Catherine Conway '91 of Bridgeport was the recipient of the 1999 Connecticut Vocational Technical School Scholarship Award at Eli Whitney Regional Technical School in Hamden, where she is enrolled as a post-graduate student.

Joseph Krekoska '91, '98 MBA and **Helen Garwacki '98 MBA** were married on Oct. 17, 1999 in Stratford. Joseph is a financial analyst at U.S. Surgical Corp., Norwalk, and Helen is a financial analyst at People's Bank, Bridgeport. They live in Stratford.

Mark McGeehan '91 and **Iris Santiago '97 MBA** were married on Oct. 3, 1999 in Stamford. Mark is a senior financial analyst at Pitney Bowes, Stamford, and Iris is a risk insurance administrator at Brink's Inc., Darien. They reside in Fairfield.

Samuel Rivera '91 is a criminal defense attorney in Harrisburg, Pa.

Kristen Baer '92 was named director of personnel at Personal Training Professionals in New Canaan. She lives in West Redding.

Anthony Clericuzio '92 was married to Joanne Crecco on July 31, 1999. Anthony is an information technology recruiter with Quantum 3 Consulting in Stratford. They live in Stratford.

Lynn Jakubauskas '92 is a high school nurse and health teacher for the Department of Defense dependent schools in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

Marylou Monteiro '92 was married to Marco Nogueira on Oct. 30, 1999 in Bridgeport. The bride is a real estate paralegal with the law firm of Raymond G. Heche, Bridgeport. They live in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Craig Reeves '92 and his wife, Shera, became parents of their second son, Zachary Joseph, on May 14, 1999. They reside in Jupiter, Fla.

Scott Swanbery '92 is the owner of Lunar Lite Inc., in Bridgeport.

Robert Zaleski '92 and **Heather Hatfield '96** were married on Sept. 19, 1999 in Westbrook. Heather is a supply chair planner at Unilver HPL-USA, Clinton. They reside in Milford.

Lori Chacho '93 and Alan Grindrod were married on July 31, 1999 in Stratford. Lori is a second grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School, Stratford. They live in Stratford.

Philip Chiodi '93 was married to Melissa Ann Vigilio on Oct. 23, 1999 in Trumbull. Philip is an SAP security administrator at Fort James Corp., Norwalk. They reside in Shelton.

Donna Marie Drewelus '93 was married to Dean Capozziello on June 26, 1999 in Trumbull. Donna is an accounting supervisor at Pilot Pen Corp. in Trumbull. They live in Trumbull.

Meeting challenges instead of deadlines



In full gear, Mary Blewitt '83 enjoys the view at the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

Mary Blewitt '83 is a woman who has proven strong enough to take on any challenge.

Two years ago, the Cromwell resident undertook a 2,160-mile trek

along the Appalachian Trail, which encompassed six months and took her through 14 states, from Georgia to Maine. On a typical eight- to 12-hour day, she covered 15 miles of challenging terrain and encountered variations in climate from spring through fall.

Blewitt carried a backpack filled with 50 pounds of supplies and received fresh supplies at predetermined mail drops. She walked the trail alone, sleeping in lean-tos and shelters along the way.

This woman is no stranger to confronting a challenge. On April 12, 1986, her car was involved in a head-on collision on Route 15 in Meriden. Escaping with several broken bones, she endured extensive surgeries and more than six weeks in Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was able to resume her active lifestyle within a year although she required continued medical attention for more than 2 1/2 years.

"You never know what you can do until you are faced with it," Blewitt says, adding that upon completion of the hike, she contacted her surgeons to tell them how far she had come — literally.

Blewitt says she roughed the wilderness of the Appalachian Trail in search of peace, solitude and a simplified life. "It was a combination of adventure and wanting to get away from it all." Upon her return, she realized there was no need to continue commuting 80 miles to work and meeting the strenuous deadlines of the fast-paced technological world as a software engineer.

"I gained a new perspective from the trip," she says. "Material possessions are not all that important. It made me realize I wanted to simplify my life."

Blewitt now works part-time as a software engineer consultant at Softcraft Laboratories in Southington. She devotes time to volunteer work, such as the American Cancer Society and literacy training. Through her trials and triumphs, she said that she continually "relies on the Lord." *Debra A. Ventunelli*

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For information,
contact the Alumni
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(203) 365-4801.

Tamara Joynes '93 and Glen Lionel Ketchian were married Sept. 4, 1999. Tamara is an associate director at Weekly Reader in Stamford. They reside in Milford.

Rev. Untzag Nalbandian '93 MARS, pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension in Trumbull, celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination on Oct. 2, 1999.

Michael Piacentini '93 and Tina Marini were married on Feb. 27, 1999 in Trumbull. Michael is employed by Staples. They live in Stratford.

Wallace Thompson '93 and Jennifer Beno were married on Oct. 17, 1999 in Seymour. Wallace is employed at New England Sheet Metal. They reside in Ansonia.

Stephanie Braca '94 MBA was married to Jeffrey Mulreed on Oct. 16, 1999 in Shelton. The bride is an accountant at Pitney Bowes, Inc., Trumbull. They reside in Shelton.

Allan D'Amato '94 married Lisa Schiappa on July 16, 1999. Allan is a claims adjuster with Progressive Insurance in Norwalk. They live in Shelton.

Joseph Millo '94 and Keri O'Loughlin were married on June 19, 1999 in Ridgefield. Joe is a mutual fund marketing manager with American Skandia Life Insurance, Shelton. They reside in Milford.

Karen Mossman '94 was married to Peter DeLucia on Aug. 21, 1999. Karen is an accountant at Signal Administration Inc., Wilton. They live in Milford.

Doreen Picagli '94 became certified as a nurse case manager and was appointed to the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women-Public Health Campaign. She resides in Guilford.

Eric Sannicandro '94 is director, live events for Medialink Worldwide Inc., in New York City. He lives in Norwalk.

Michael Bono '95 and **Aimee Hebert '97** were married in Centerville, Mass., on June 5, 1999. Both are graduate students and reside in Warwick, R.I.

James Bowes '95 was presented an award for financial reporting achievement for his work with the town of Southington by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. He and his wife live in Southington with their two daughters.

Linda Cleveland '95 MBA has been named a partner and executive vice president at Rosenblum, Silverman, Sutton, Cleveland, an investment counseling firm. She and her family live in New Canaan.

Deborah Lynn Estwan '95 gave birth to a girl, Amanda, on June 12, 1998.

Jory Higgins '95 MAT is the new acting dean of the Red Team at Middlebrook School in Wilton.

Patricia Larsen '95 was married to David Alan Lewis Jr. on Nov. 6, 1999 in Milford. Patricia is a regional accountant with Sodexo Marriott Services. They reside in Trumbull.

Makiem Miller '95 is a detective in the Narcotics Enforcement Unit of the New Haven Police Department. Makiem and his wife, Marisol, and their two children live in West Haven.

Kevin Ryan '95 6th year is principal of Irving A. Robbins Middle School in Farmington.

Brian Sabia '95 MBA and his wife, Lisa, welcomed Kirsten Nicole on March 10, 2000. The family lives in Wallingford.

Valerie Tait '95 was married to Christopher Battistelli on July 3, 1999 in Monroe. Valerie is a school social worker with Cooperative Educational Services in Trumbull. They reside in Shelton.

Julie Whelan '95 is payroll manager at Fairfield University and is living in Stratford.

Mark Zuccarella '95 was sworn in as the 154th officer of the Greenwich Police Department.

Vasiliki Assikelis '96 was married to David Boudreau on Sept. 27, 1999 in Bridgeport. The bride is a cytotechnologist at Dianon Systems Inc. in Stratford.

Michelle Covelluzzi '96 was married to Jeffrey Lesko on Oct. 31, 1999. Michelle is an assistant production manager and proofreader at Market Growth Resources, Inc., in Wilton. They reside in Shelton.

Lori Dellapiano '96 and David Jakowski were married on Sept. 19, 1999 in Haddam. The bride is a senior cost accountant with DNE Technologies in Wallingford. They live in New Britain.

Danielle Duprey '96 and James Bonsignore were married on Dec. 31, 1999 in Stratford. The bride is pursuing a law degree. The couple resides in Stratford.

Fernando Fernandes '96 is a midfielder with the Connecticut Wolves soccer team. He lives in Bridgeport.

Laura Geier '96 was married to Steven Landau on Oct. 16, 1999. She is the owner of Reflections by Laura Ann. They reside in Norwalk.

Barton Hainsworth '96 is senior design engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. in Stratford and lives in Shelton.

Peter Francis Lenox '96 was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport on May 27, 2000 and assigned to St. Andrew's Church in Bridgeport.

Mary Reppas '96 was married to Richard Barry on June 5, 1999 in Shelton. Mary is an accountant with ITT Flygt Corp., Trumbull. They live in Shelton.

Jorge Rivera '96 was married to Catherine Cano on Sept. 19, 1999 in Stratford. Jorge is a firefighter for the City of Bridgeport. They reside in Stratford.

Henry Rondon '96, '98 MAT is a teacher and girls basketball coach at Kolbe Cathedral High School in Bridgeport and a part-time member of the Campus Ministry staff at his alma mater. This winter, in his debut as coach, he led the girls' team to the Class S state championship.

Stacie Schmitt '96 was married to Rick Stueber on Aug. 1, 1999. Stacie is a second grade teacher in Cutchogue, N.Y. They reside in Riverhead.

Rob Stopkoski '96 and his wife, Dawn, became parents of a son, Tanner Scott, on Nov. 3, 1999. Rob is a systems administrator with National Network Services in Denver. The family lives in Highland Range, Colo.

Pauline Wallner '96, '98 MBA, founder and owner of NMWB Global Management Services, recently opened an office in Paris. She resides in Norwalk.

Teresa Ambrosini '97 was married to Pasquale Muscarella on Oct. 16, 1999 in Stratford. She is a customer sales representative with Kendro Laboratories, Newtown. They reside in Stratford.

Frances Atwell '97 is the owner of CruiseOne, part of the Travel Company, which she operates out of her Redding home.

Christopher B. Bennett '97 is vice-principal of the William J. Johnston Middle School in Colchester. He and his wife, Susan, and children Molly and Benjamin reside in Salem.

Stacey Chiappetta '97 and Joseph Buturla III were married on Aug. 7, 1999 in Trumbull. Stacey is an instructor at St. Vincent's Special Needs Services, Stratford.

Colleen Clancy '97 is area coordinator for the Department of Housing and Dining Services at

Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. She lives in Arcata.

Jerilyn Esposito '97 MBA and Michael Shannon were married on June 19, 1999 in Orange. The bride is assistant director of the Performance Measurement Department at Evaluation Associates, Norwalk. They live in Milford.

Jacquelyn Edling '97 had her exhibition, "An American Photographer in Paris," on display from April 8-May 20, 2000 at Fairbanks Photo, Darien. Jacquelyn resides in Trumbull.

Paula Gorman '97 was married to John Paul Harron on May 29, 1999 in Darien. Paula is an international marketing associate at U.S. Surgical. They reside in Darien.

Nancy Ristaino Hoag '97 is a regional director at Bell Atlantic Mobile in Wallingford. She lives in Madison.

Helen Iatrou '97 was married to Chris Vlahakis on Sept. 5, 1999. Helen is a senior accountant at KPMG LLP in Stamford. They reside in Stamford.

Kevin Legassey '97 and **Cheryl Ann Capozziello '98** were married on Oct. 17, 1999. Kevin is an accountant with S. Grove and Associates in Hamden, and Cheryl is a claims specialist at Oxford Health Plans in Trumbull. They live in Monroe.

Lyn Fine McCarthy '97 MBA is development director of the Southeastern Fairfield chapter of the American Red Cross. She lives in Easton.

Lorraine McNulty '97 was married to Tod Baldino on Oct. 2, 1999 in Stratford. Lorraine is a senior premium analyst at Oxford Health Plans, Milford. They reside in Shelton.

Megan Montefusco '97 was married to Matthew Bronson on April 24, 1999 in Seymour. She is a registered nurse at Waterbury Hospital. They reside in Winsted.

Betty Jane Cardone '81, a registered nurse and community volunteer, on April 12, 2000. She was 83. She is survived by her husband and nine children, including **James Cardone '81**.

Richard Conti '71, a court liaison officer for the state of Connecticut's Judicial Branch for 22 years, on Aug. 1, 1999. He was 51.

Eugene Corde '80, who enrolled at the University at age 55 after a career in marketing, on April 8, 2000. He was 78. Corde later worked for the state of Connecticut as a substance abuse counselor.

Judi D'Addario '80, an operations specialist with the Gartner Group in Stamford, on Feb. 4, 2000. She was 40.

Carmeline DeGennaro '99, an employee with the Nasdaq Stock Market in Trumbull, on Sept. 1, 1999. She was 51.

Irene Drenzek Domogala '96, a retired dental hygienist, on Sept. 27, 1999. She was 68.

Christina Jarvis '99, a former administrative assistant in the President's Office and president of the Pioneer Club, on Jan. 5, 2000. She was 54. More recently Jarvis was an executive assistant with the Trumbull Board of Education.

Kieran Kilbride '68, a vice president and branch manager with A.G. Edwards & Sons in Mystic, on March 5, 2000. He was 54. Kilbride was a former chair of the Alumni Executive Council.

Cardinal Ignatius Kung, who was imprisoned in China from 1955 to 1985 for refusing to renounce the Pope or his faith, on March 12, 2000. He was 98. In recognition of his outstanding service to the Church and his witness to

human rights in China, the cardinal was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the University on Oct. 19, 1992.

Joan LaSalata Maloney '81, a staff development coordinator for MediPlex of Darien, on July 27, 1999.

Anne McGuinness '90 MAT, a teacher at All Saints School in Norwalk, on March 11, 2000. She was 59.

Jean Rotini '99, director of business health services of the Industrial Medical Center at Bridgeport Hospital, on Dec. 24, 1999. She was 44.

Robert Shea, a former president of the Pioneer Club at the University and an active civic leader in Fairfield, on Feb. 18, 2000. He was 67. All five of his children are graduates of the University: **Maureen Sara '79, Joseph '80, Robert '84, '91 MBA, Barbara Ezechick '88 and Michael '93**.

Jonathan Tarasovich '77, '82 MBA, a member of the finance department at Unilever Co., on Sept. 5, 1999. He was 44. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Magi Tarasovich '78, '81 MBA**.

Dr. Jacques Vergotti, a professor emeritus at the University, on Dec. 16, 1999. He served as an associate professor of history and political science from 1966 until his retirement in 1985.

Brian Wilderman, a first-year student from New Canaan, on March 6, 2000. He was 21.

Pamela Yardis, director of the Stamford campus for 15 months and formerly director of the Center for Corporate Education, on April 16, 2000. She was 55.

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Barbara Myer '97 6th year became principal of Bishop Elementary School in Norwich, effective July 1, 2000.

Jennifer Swanson '97 won the P. Clabber Girl Terre Haute (Ind.) Open in bowling on Aug. 19, 1999. Jen lives in Shelton.

Jennifer Thurston '97 is a buyer and planner for SCR/Rapp Collins Media in Manhattan, where she also resides.

Kevin Vining '97 is the athletic trainer at South Kent School.

Danielle Wilson '97 and John Saccone were married on June 26, 1999 in Newport, R.I. Danielle is a human resources generalist at GE Capital Corp. in Danbury. They live in Trumbull.

Kim Angermann '98 MBA was married to Marc Sullivan on Sept. 4, 1999 in Stratford. She is a category analyst with Warner Lambert-Schick, Milford. They live in Shelton.

Scott Antifonario '98 is a mechanical production artist for the Donovan Group in Northboro, Mass. Scott lives in Dracut.

Keith Broderick '98 is a detective with the Fairfield Police Department.

Elise Guari '98 is the new assistant principal at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School in Thompson. Elise and her husband, Jack, welcomed their first child, Jack, in September 1999. The family lives in Brooklyn, Conn.

Darleen Jack '98 was married to Steven Gomzi on Nov. 7, 1999 in Stratford. Darleen is a registered respiratory therapist and graduate nurse in the emergency room at Bridgeport Hospital. They reside in Milford.

Lynn Kulakowski '98 is a clinical social worker in the psychiatric emergency room at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. She lives in Brooklyn.

Raymond Leonzi Jr. '98 and Angela Chiodo were married on Aug. 14, 1999 in Fairfield. He is a financial analyst at People's Bank, Bridgeport. They reside in Trumbull.

Patricia Marella '98 was married to Vincent Sampieri on Sept. 11, 1999, in Bridgeport. Patricia is assistant director of connecting services at the University of Bridgeport. They live in Monroe.

Colleen McGrath '98 is a technician at the New England Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank in Boston. She lives in Merrimack, N.H.

Gina Norelli '98 is an assistant research executive at Millward Brown International, a market research company in Fairfield. She resides in Bethlehem.

John Vavra '98 was promoted to president and chief executive officer at Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems in Shelton.

Corinne Waldheim '98 is a sales research analyst for America Online, Inc., in New York City.

Dawn Zambory '98 MAT was married to Dennis Richetelli on July 3, 1999. Dawn is an athletic trainer at Staples High School in Westport. They reside in Milford.

Christiana Afonso '99 was married to Mark Franzese on Aug. 28, 1999 in Shelton. The bride is a medical office manager at Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Associates in Bridgeport. They live in Shelton.

Katie Cannamela '99 MAT is a Spanish and Italian teacher at Norwich Free Academy. She lives in Mystic.

Craig Drezek '99 MAT was appointed principal at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury.

Michelle Fobert '99 is a preschool teacher. She lives in Blooming Grove, N.Y.

Jennifer Hudson '99 wrote an article that was published in the Fall 1999 edition of the *Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal*. She resides in Bridgeport.

Jillian Judge '99 is a first grade teacher at Orange Avenue School in Milford.

Kendra Laptik '99 is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She lives in Meriden.

Maureen Mahoney '99 MAT is head athletic trainer at Regis College in Weston, Mass. She resides in Framingham.

Seri Pederson '99 MAT and Philip Pasmeg were married on Oct. 11, 1998 in Stratford. She is a fourth grade teacher at Eli Whitney School, Stratford, and coach of the Bunnell High School cheerleaders, Stratford. They live in Fairfield.

Nanci Siciliano '99 is a first grade teacher at Redding Elementary School.

Sara Taylor '99 is a social studies teacher at New Fairfield High School.

Judith Warren '99 6th Year is an administrator at The Gilbert School, Winsted. She lives with her husband and two children in Southbury.

BUILDING TRADITION STEP BY STEP

How does an educational institution build tradition? In this case, brick by brick.

Sacred Heart University has created the "Pioneer for Life Alumni Walk," a lengthy pathway on which graduates – and graduates only – may have their name and class year imprinted on clay paver bricks.

The cost for each imprinted brick will be \$150, the entire proceeds of which will go to the Sacred Heart University Scholarship Fund. In a tangible display of support, the Class of 2000 has allocated its class gift of \$10,000 to the walkway's construction.

"We are in the process of creating an alumni tradition here, and I think our alums will find the permanency of the walkway appealing," said Marie Sekelsky, director of the scholarship fund. "I think it will be fun for them to come back to campus and show their names on the bricks to their children."

The Pioneer for Life Alumni Walk is being installed this summer, replacing the current paved pathway that leads up the hill to Curtis Hall, the Pitt Center and athletic fields. A sand filling will be used initially, but blocks of laser-imprinted bricks will be laid with masonry. The official dedication is scheduled for Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Friends of the University will have an opportunity to purchase benches and trees, with appropriate inscriptions, that will line the walkway.

For convenience, a brick order form appears on the back cover. For more information, e-mail sekelskm@sacred-heart.edu or call (203) 365-4897.



11th Pioneer Open won by Adimando team



Keith Kountz (third from left), co-anchor of News Channel 8, joined (from left) Jim Biggs, Luke Doyle, vice president for Institutional Advancement, and Scott Gibson. Kountz also spoke at the post-event reception.

This is a breakthrough year for Paul Adimando. Not only did he receive a B.S. degree in finance from the University, but he was also a member of the championship team at the 11th annual Pioneer Open golf tournament.

The event, held on June 12 at the Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge, attracted a field of 140 and raised more than \$55,000 for Sacred Heart University scholarships. AT&T and CompUSA were official tournament sponsors.

The 21-year-old Adimando teamed up with his father, Vin Adimando, his uncle, Carm Adimando, and Dave Detone to post a 62 low gross. Paul also hit the day's longest drive — 320 yards on the 16th hole.

Two teams shared second low gross with 63s: the 2M-Oak Partners LLC foursome of Mark Appelberg, Ray Hellthaler, Glenn Grella and Mike Niedemeier and the Courtney Honda group of Steve Courtney, Greg Hutchings, Dave Lavati and Neil McCaffrey.

Co-chairs of the tournament were Thomas Brennan '78, T.J. Lanese and Gino Tarantini '85, '89 MBA.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

August

19/Saturday

Alumni Beach Party & Lobsterbake
Penfield Pavilion, Fairfield, 8 p.m.-midnight
Advance tickets required: \$30

October

27/Friday

Homecoming 2000 Weekend

28/Saturday

Reunion Celebration for classes 1970, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95
Chili Cook-Off & Traditional Tailgate Party, 10 a.m.
Football vs. Iona, Campus Field, 12:30 p.m.
Activities for the entire family.
Reunion class representatives needed. Call for details.

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call Alumni Relations at
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An award from the President

By Don Harrison

Felipe Reinoso '84 is the embodiment of the American dream.

Thirty years after arriving in this country from his native Peru, barely able to speak a word of English, he was an honored guest in the White House. President Clinton shook his hand and they posed together for a photograph.

"Never in my wildest dreams could I believe this would happen to me," a still incredulous Reinoso says.

On Oct. 15, Reinoso was among 21 recipients of the 1999 President's Service Award, the highest honor given by the President of the United States for volunteerism. He was recognized for his ongoing efforts in leading hundreds of Hispanic youngsters in Bridgeport on a path to education. "What I'm doing is just a small sample of the important work that immigrants are doing in this country," Reinoso says.

It is important to note that his nomination came from the University's Dr. Babu George, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, a long-time mentor and friend.

Discovering that the dropout rate among Latino high school students was as high as 40 percent, Reinoso created the Saturday Hispanic Academy in Math and Science a decade ago. With assistance from Dr. George, classes were held at Sacred Heart University.

"It started with 20 students in the winter of 1989," Reinoso says. "I rented a van – I paid for it myself and I was the driver



Felipe Reinoso '84 receives his award from President Clinton.

– and picked them up at two locations in Bridgeport for the Saturday classes. To my surprise, all of them were there waiting. I knew then that education was something kids were looking for."

Wherever he's worked, Reinoso has continued to espouse a formula of education, encouragement and discipline. It was part of his modus operandi at Harding High School, where he taught for 13 years; and he's made it an integral part of The Bridge Academy, the new charter high school in Bridgeport where he is the director.

Success stories are plentiful: about 95 percent of the Saturday Hispanic Academy's "alumni" have attended or are now enrolled in college. Several have become teachers. The enrichment program continues at The Bridge Academy, serving 20 to 30 Hispanic students each Saturday.

Reinoso's own path to success is a study in persistence. Fleeing Peru in 1969 fol-

lowing a coup d'etat, he settled in Bridgeport and enrolled in ESL classes at the University of Bridgeport. To fund his studies, now at Sacred Heart University, he opened a business selling draperies and other goods.

"I already knew that Irish, Italian, Greek and Jewish immigrants understood they had to work hard to achieve the American dream," he recalls. "If they did it, I could do it, too. But it was a long road, a hard road."

For the better part of 13 years, he lived a compartmentalized life, business person by day,

student by evening (although there were occasions when he attended daytime classes and participated in varsity soccer). He has warm memories of several faculty for their help above and beyond the call of duty – Dr. George, Dr. Maria-Teresa Torreira, professor of modern languages, and Dr. Ralph Corrigan, professor of English.

Reinoso finally completed his requirements for a bachelor's degree in education in 1984, then went on to receive a master's in bilingual special education from Fairfield University in 1987 and a sixth-year certificate from Sacred Heart University in 1998.

Two important people have shared in his successes: Norma, his wife since 1981, and their daughter, Angelica, 18. "They have been so patient. What we're doing takes a lot of family time, but they know we are doing good for the community," he says. ■

Fall Calendar at Sacred Heart University

S E P T E M B E R

8/Friday Special Academic Convocation, Mahogany Room, 2 p.m. Cardinal William Keeler, archbishop of Baltimore and an international leader in ecumenical affairs, will be presented an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Info: 371-7970.

8/Friday REAPS' 10th Anniversary Celebration dinner, Stamford Marriott. Cardinal William Keeler will give the keynote address. Tickets: \$200. Proceeds will benefit REAPS' educational and service programs. Reservations: REAPS, 371-7867.

8/Friday "Habitation," with featured speaker Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International, Mahogany Room, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the University's Habitat campus chapter. Info: Phyllis Machledt, 365-7622.

10/Sunday "Rough" – sculpture installations by Samm Kunce, Gallery of Contemporary Art, opening reception, 1-3:30 p.m. Through Oct. 12. Closed Columbus Day weekend. Info: Sophia Gevas, 365-7650.

12/Tuesday 8th Annual Conference on Ethics, Pitt Center Board Room, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Rev. James Keenan, S.J., author and lecturer, will present "Advance Directives: Ethics and Implications for Healthcare." Co-sponsored by REAPS and St. Vincent's Medical Center. A light breakfast will be served. Fee: \$30. Reservations: REAPS, 371-7867.

Events free unless otherwise noted.

Fall Coffeehouse Series

Sponsor: International/Multicultural Center

Sept. 14 Mexican Coffeehouse, Faculty Lounge, 12:30 p.m.
 Sept. 28 American Coffeehouse, Faculty Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 18 Chinese Coffeehouse, Mahogany Room, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 26 Rainforest Coffeehouse, Faculty Lounge, 12:30 p.m.
 Nov. 9 Irish Coffeehouse, Faculty Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

29/Friday "South Pacific," Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic musical, Theatre. Also Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 6-7-8. Tickets: \$20, seniors/children \$17. Box Office: 374-2777.

O C T O B E R

12th Annual Discovery Dinner. Date: TBA.

28/Saturday Homecoming, Football vs. Iona, Campus Field, 12:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off & Traditional Tailgate Party, 10 a.m. Reservations: Alumni Relations, 365-4801.

N O V E M B E R

10/Friday "Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition" conference, Mahogany Room. Through Nov. 12. Leading Catholic scholars will explore the definitions, characteristics, history and challenges of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Info: 371-7900.

D E C E M B E R

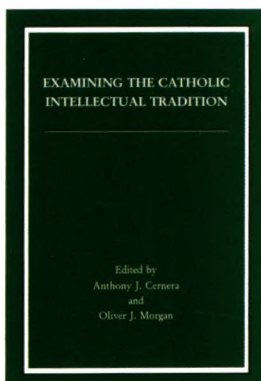
4/Monday Faculty Art Exhibit, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Through Jan. 24, 2001. Info: 365-7650.

5/Tuesday 5th Annual *Nostra Aetate* Awards, Park Avenue Synagogue, New York. Honorees will be the Most Rev. Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Newark, and Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Park Avenue Synagogue. Info: CCJU, 365-7592.



Nov. 30 Jamaican Coffeehouse, Mahogany Room, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 7 International Holiday Café, Mahogany Room, 7:30 p.m.

Admission, \$8; faculty & staff donation, \$5; children under 12, \$4; students, free. Information: 365-7614.



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